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Democratic Party surges in popularity as the congressional sex scandal heats up, says survey

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In an emergency, call 168, Makati's own version of the US 911, a P30-M facility called the city's Command Control and Communication Center or C3

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13-year-old Amish girl asked to be shot first hoping the younger ones would be let go, according to survivors of the school shooting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where 5 students were killed last Monday

Dayanara is medical tourism's poster girl

PWEDE NA PAAYOS ANG PUWIT A'LA J-LO!

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

FORMER MISS UNIVERSE Dayanara Torres returns to the Philippines as the face of Beverly Hills 6750. It's not another TV soap; it's a new surgical center specializing in plastic surgery in

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'Don't let them take No. 9 away from me'

By Norman Bordadora *in Manila* and Vincent Cabreza *Inquirer Northern Luzon*

THE NINTH PLACER OF THE TOP 10 PASSERS in the tainted nursing licensure examination yesterday balked at the planned retake, saying the pressure would be too much to endure.

Speaking at the weekly Kapihan sa Sulo news

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'Leak was everywhere'

Reports also received from Davao, Tacloban

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

A NURSING BOARD REviewer from Davao City yesterday corroborated reports that cheating in the June nursing licensure examination (NLE) had occurred nationwide.

Daryl Joel "Butch" Dumdum, a registered nurse and former nursing professor, said he had received information that test questions were also leaked in the cities of Davao and Tacloban.

"The leakage is everywhere. It's simple logic because the review centers in Luzon have branches in the Visayas and Mindanao," he said.

Dumdum, now a freelance national reviewer for the NLE after quitting a teaching job at a college in Davao, said a certain review center with branches in the city and other parts of the country offered test questions to a dean of a Davao-based nursing school a day before the NLE was conducted.

"The dean, who is also teaching the subject [of the leaked questions] was offered a leakage by a review center. She refused to take it," Dumdum told the INQUIRER by phone.

He said some of his students relayed the information to him a week ago. He said the same review center, which he did not yet want to identify, could have also given the questions to its examinees in other areas.

He also said he learned yesterday from "an ally in Tacloban" of a leakage in that city.

Dumdum said he was convinced that the leak in the NLE had occurred not only Manila, Baguio and Davao but also other parts of Mindanao and the Visayas, as disclosed on Friday by Rene Luis Tadle, president of the faculty association of the University of Sto. Tomas College of Nursing.

Dumdum said that he was willing to help investigators, and that he was also in touch with fellow reviewers in the Visayas.

"I will disclose the information I have [to the National Bureau of Investigation]," he said.

Dumdum said he came forward to support the effort to restore the integrity of the nursing profession.

"And the only way to do that is to have a retake of the entire examination. The far-reaching effect of a no-retake [stance] is unemployment and

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WHAT'S INSIDE

Don't do Edsa today as major repairs are being rushed on portions of its southbound lane for traffic to return to normal by Monday—clogged

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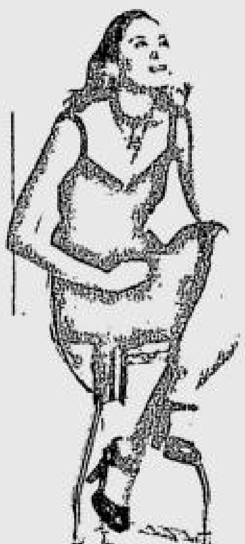

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Strawberry fields

at the Benguet State University are ready for the picking for your Christmas holiday table. And they're not the usual. They're organic and of the Sweet Charlie type first grown in Argentina and abundant today in Florida.

SUNDAY BIZ / B4

EDWIN BACASMAS

RIVER WITHOUT A NAME that meanders through the towns of Taytay and Cainta, Rizal, has been adopted by the Little Farm House, an elementary and high school, which is on a campaign to sustain it as a habitat for over 50 species of birds, butterflies, frogs.

BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE

Unnamed river an uncharted beauty

By Volt Contreras

ONE MISSTEP ON THE SLIPPERY BANKS of "Tungtong" River sent 10-year-old Zach falling flat on his behind. The Grade 4 student got up—he was OK—laughing at his own clumsiness and feeling his soggy bottom, as he became only the latest child last Friday to discover the river's hidden wonders and mischief.

This tributary of the Pasig River, which snakes through the towns of Taytay and Cainta, Rizal, has largely retained its pristine condition yet remains nameless on official maps. "Tungtong" was coined by residents to refer to the river.

But thanks to a local school steeped in environmentalism, Tungtong—said to be home to over 50 species of birds, butterflies and frogs—will be forever etched in the hearts of Zach, his schoolmates and, hopefully, everyone in their community.

The Holistic Education Development Center at the Little Farm House, an elementary and high school campus inside

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'I FELT SICK TO MY STOMACH'

Fil-Am Navy medic tells court of cold-blooded killing in Iraq

CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA—A US Navy Fil-Am medic told a military court Friday how seven Marines dragged an Iraqi civilian from his home and shot him in cold blood before covering up the brutal slaying.

In dramatic testimony at the US Marine Corps base, Camp Pendleton, in southern California, Melson Bacos said he had watched in horror as 52-year-old Hashim Ibrahim Awad was bound and gagged before being gunned down.

Bacos, a Purple Heart recipient who is the son of immigrants from the Philippines and who was jailed for a year after a plea deal that saw him admit to kidnapping but cleared of murder, said the killing had arisen out of frustration at the reputed release of a "known terrorist."

The April 26 killing in Hamdania is one of a series of incidents that has tarnished the reputation of American troops in Iraq.

Bacos said that during a patrol to look for roadside bombs, squad leader Lawrence Hutchins plotted to go to the suspected insurgent's house to "get him." If the plan failed, the

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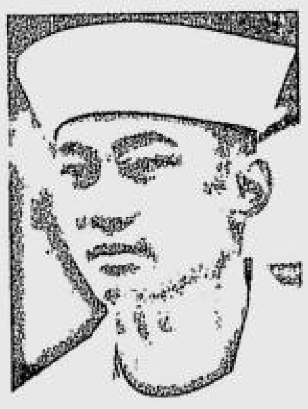

DAMNING TESTIMONY: Melson J. Bacos, US Navy

Where are they now? Poll computers just lie there

ARLYN DE LA CRUZ/CONTRIBUTOR

1,991 AUTOMATED counting machines worth P1.3B are stored on the 4th floor of the Comelec warehouse on UN Avenue, Ermita. Storage costs taxpayers P3.9M yearly.

By Jerome Aning

THEY JUST LIE THERE IN THE DARK.

On the fourth floor of the Commission on Elections' warehouse along United Nations Avenue in Manila, 1,991 steel boxes containing P1.3-billion worth of automated counting machines are stored. The poll body spends P3.9 million a year to keep them there.

The ACMs, which were delivered in batches in late 2003, had been ordered returned to their supplier, MegaPacific Consortium, after the Supreme Court nullified in January 2004 the automation contract that the firm signed with the Comelec.

The consortium, however, was dissolved and its members have been contesting before the courts the effort of the government to recover the money paid for the machines.

Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. and several individuals, such as lawyer Romulo Macalintal, have been pleading that the machines be used in elections but the high tribunal has stood firm in its ruling.

Abalos said he was considering having the ACMs dismantled for spare parts if MegaPacific still refused to take them back.

"The ACMs are in good condition.

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will continue to experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.
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OneVoice shows evidence of fraud

By Tina Santos

THE ONEVOICE CITIZENS' GROUP YESTERDAY said it had enough evidence to prove that the gathering of signatures for the people's initiative to change the Constitution undertaken by Sigaw ng Bayan and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines was marked by fraud.

Carlos Medina, chief legal officer for OneVoice, said the evidence showed fraud and discrepancies in the collection and verification of signatures in support of the people's initiative.

These included a verification report certified by a mere casual clerk and barangay officials; municipal mayors submitting collated signatures; double counting of sets of signatures, and statements from election registrars admitting that many signatures had been fabricated or that no verification took place.

"This is in violation of the law that says the signatures have to be verified by an election officer and not anybody else," Medina said.

OneVoice and other groups opposed to the people's initiative campaign had until yesterday to examine the documents at the Commission on Elections that were submitted by Sigaw and Ulap to support their people's initiative petition calling for amendments to the Constitution to change the form of government to a unicameral parliamentary system.

The groups have to present to the Supreme Court enough evidence to prove their allegations of fraud.

"This is our fourth and last day, we were given only so much time within which to look at the records. Had we been given more time, we would surely discover more proof of fraud and discrepancies. But we cannot possibly look at all of them within the time that we were given," Medina said.

Even then, he said, the "conclusion is so clear—the whole process is tainted."

"By Oct. 11 we should file our memorandum with the Supreme Court arguing that there was no 3 percent compliance," Medina said.

The Constitution requires that a people's initiative to change the Constitution must carry verified signatures of 12 percent of the country's registered voters and 3 percent of those in every legislative district.

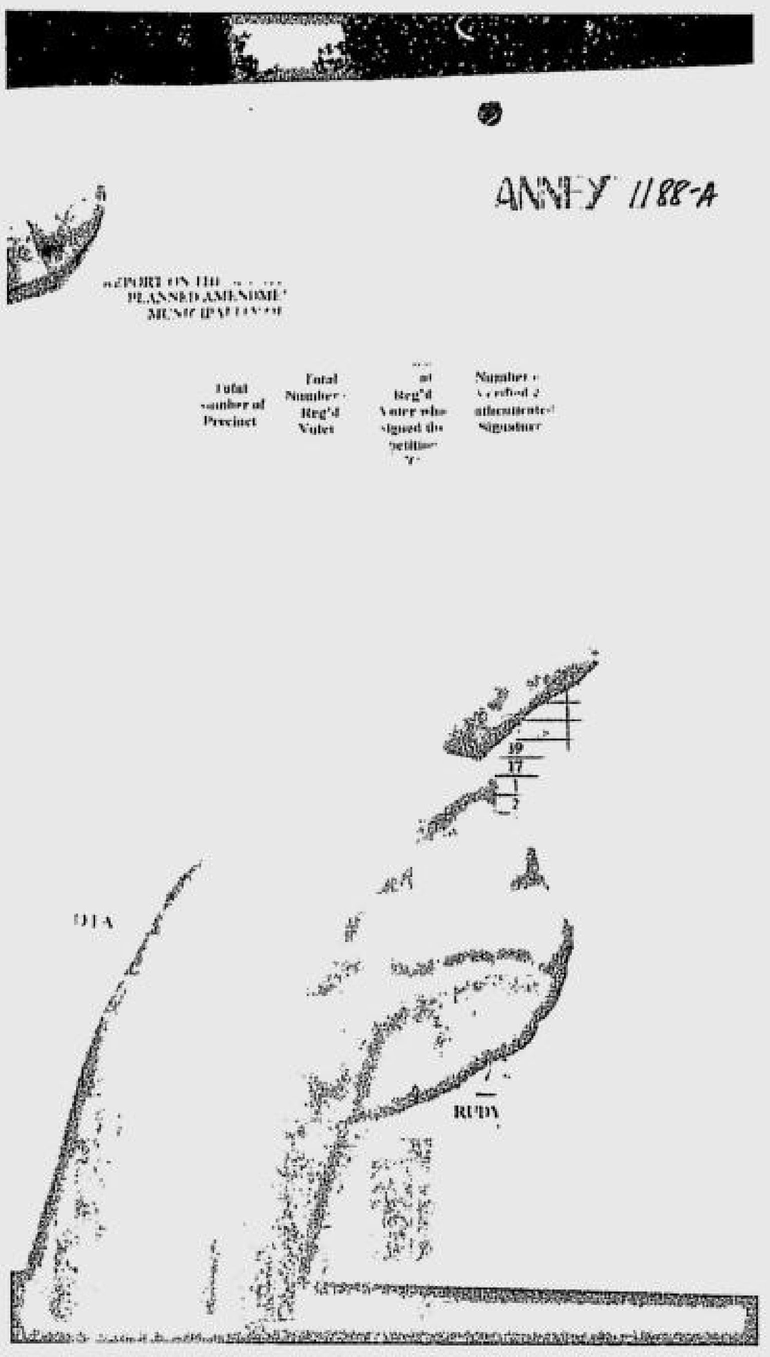
The INQUIRER was shown a certification from an election officer in Davao del Sur who had noted that "most signatures are fabricated" in his report of the verification of 2,627 signatures from 21 barangays.

Medina also produced a certification from a casual clerk at the Office of the Election Registrar in Romblon, who said she had certified and verified the signatures of the registered voters on behalf of the registrar, who was on sick leave.

He also showed a verification report submitted by the election officer of Jaro, Leyte, for Barangay Buenavista, where about 50 signatures were verified. The same sheet was photocopied and the signatures were counted twice, the lawyer said.

"Another one claimed that what they had verified were names, not signatures. What is required is you verify the signatures," he said.

"Some election officers even admitted that they were not expert in verifying signatures," Medina said.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THE VERIFICATION report of a Davao del Sur election registrar attesting that "most signatures are fabricated" is one of the pieces of evidence OneVoice says proves fraud was committed in the signature campaign for the people's initiative to amend the Constitution.

ROMY HOMILLADA

Solons sure Ombudsman won't be impeached

By Philip C. Tubeza

CONFIDENT THAT THEY HAVE the numbers, top House leaders yesterday declared that an opposition group's plan to file an impeachment complaint against Ombudsman Ma. Merceditas Gutierrez was doomed to fail.

Administration Representatives Marcelino Libanan and Exequiel Javier dared the Black and White Movement, led by former Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman, to go ahead and file an impeachment complaint against Gutierrez so it "would suffer a double whammy in a year."

Congress earlier this year junked an opposition impeachment complaint against President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"We won't block their impeachment bid knowing it is doomed to fail just like their impeachment bid against the President. We could even wrap up our negative decision as a Christmas or New Year's gift to them," Libanan said.

Javier noted that even though an opposition lawmaker has vowed to endorse the complaint, this was no guarantee of success as they did not have the support of the majority.

Singer Leah Navarro, a member of the Back and White Movement, said the group was considering filing a complaint against Gutierrez for "betrayal of the public trust" after the Ombudsman cleared Commission on Elections officials of any wrongdoing in the P1.3-billion poll automation deal that the Supreme Court had voided in 2004 for being against the law.

Libanan said it was the opposition group's "bias" against the Arroyo administration that was driving its desire to impeach Gutierrez.

"Anyone who plans to file an impeachment complaint should be guided by prudence in order to present a substantive complaint against the subject based on facts," said Libanan, who chairs the House committee on justice.

He said the Black and White members should "not let their emotions cloud their judgment because it would be a pity for them to waste their time again."

Javier said the impeachment bid against Gutierrez was doomed to fail "for lack of merit" and because of the hectic schedule of the House which is in the midst of debates on the budget and Charter change.

"We have our hands full with our budget and Cha-cha priorities so they shouldn't waste our time, either," said Javier, vice chair of the committee on constitutional amendments.

"But we will not stop Black and White from filing its complaint. Let it experience an embarrassing defeat again," he said.

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MILF says it will 'separate' members with terrorist ties

By Jeoffrey Maitem and Aquiles Z. Zonio
Inquirer Mindanao

COTABATO CITY—THE MORO Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) yesterday admitted some of its members had ties with the Southeast Asian militant group Jemaah Islamiyah, which has allegedly targeted the Philippines for attack.

MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu said the Front was "conducting a saturation drive to separate those who have ties with the JI and the Abu Sayyaf."

"There are individuals in our organization who have links with terror groups," Kabalu told the INQUIRER by phone. "It started during intermarriages between our troops and those connected to local terror organizations in Mindanao."

Kabalu's statement followed revelations by Istiada BHT Oemar Sovie, detained wife of Indonesian terror suspect Dulmatin, that the MILF and the JI had ties with each other.

The military said Dulmatin's wife also told interrogators that the JI had targeted the Philippines because of its support for the United States "war on terror."

"She admitted they are staying here in the Philippines because it is a target for being the first one to support the call of the United States following the Sept. 11 (2001) attacks (on the US)," Maj. Eugene Batara said.

Sanctuary for Abu, JI

She has also told investigators that MILF rebels were providing sanctuary to JI and Abu Sayyaf suspects, the military said.

But Kabalu maintained that the MILF, as an organization, had no links with terror groups.

"Talking about the Front itself, we have no connection. We don't need them in the group because we are a revolutionary organization," he said.

Kabalu said the MILF had been helping the government in its campaign against suspected terrorists.

In July, MILF fighters even had to vacate their position in Talayan, Maguindanao, to give way to a military operation aimed at flushing out MILF guerrillas with terror links.

Still in Jolo

The military said that Dulmatin's wife, who was arrested in Jolo, had also revealed that her husband and another JI bomb expert, Umar Patek, were still hiding in Jolo, protected by the Abu Sayyaf.

Dulmatin's wife, also known as Amenah Toha, said she was not a member of JI but admitted being a courier for the group.

Dulmatin and Patek have been linked to the October 2002 nightclub bombings on the Indonesian resort island of Bali, which killed more than 200 people, mostly Australian tourists.

Another JI militant falls

The war on terror appeared to have gained further ground when a JI member said have been involved in the Valentine's Day bombing in General Santos City last year was arrested in Indonesia.

Chief Supt. German Doria, Central Mindanao police chief, said he was informed by his counterpart in Indonesia about the arrest of Elmer Emran, also known as Elmer Abram.

"He was arrested four days ago by police authorities in Manado City," Doria said.

Indon-RP cooperation

Emran had been identified as the man who supposedly planted an explosive on a tricycle outside the Gaisano Mall. The blast killed three people and wounded several others.

Police said they were arranging to take custody of Emran so he could be tried in the Philippines.

An exchange of information between Indonesian and Philippine intelligence officers led to Emran's arrest, Doria said.

It was not immediately clear whether Emran was Filipino or an Indonesian.

'Secret operation'

In Indonesia, provincial police spokesperson Lt. Col. Benny Bela confirmed Emran was arrested by a special antiterror unit shortly after landing at Sam Ratulangi airport in Manado.

"That was a secret operation, I cannot give you more details on that," Bela said.

The General Santos explosion was one of three nearly simultaneous blasts, dubbed the "Valentine's Day bombings," which killed eight people. The other explosions occurred in a passenger bus in Makati City and at a bus terminal in Davao City.

Welcome news

The US government yesterday welcomed news of the arrest of Dulmatin's wife.

"We're encouraged by this," US Embassy spokesperson Matthew Lussenhop said. "The Philippines and the US are strong partners in this fight against terrorism."

The Abu Sayyaf and JI are on Washington's list of terrorist organizations. *With reports from AFP and AP*

Solons to probe power spot mart

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Abigail L. Ho

THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL Power Commission will investigate the reported price manipulation in the electricity spot market allegedly by the state-owned Power Sector Assets Liabilities and Management Corp. (PSALM) which resulted in sudden increases in Luzon power bills.

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago said the Powercom which she chairs will meet on Oct. 12 to look into the trading activities of PSALM last month to verify charges the single-biggest player in the wholesale electricity spot market had used its market dominance to push electricity prices up.

The Philippine Electricity Market Corp., which operates the wholesale electricity spot market (WESM), announced on Thursday it was investigating PSALM on suspicion it used its 50-percent control of the country's total power generating capacity to jack up prices.

The still unexplained price spikes during the WESM's third trading month, from Aug. 26 to Sept. 25, prompted the 45-day investigation of PSALM, which was started last Tuesday when notice was served on the state-owned firm.

The PEMC said safeguards are in place to prevent price manipulation at the electricity bourse, adding that it should be shut down if found to be a venue of "manipulative practices."

"If the WESM becomes a venue for manipulative practices and bad trading, then it should be shut down," said PEMC president Lasse Holopainen. "If we're not doing our jobs, then we're not doing the Filipino people any good."

The WESM started its commercial run on June 26.

PSALM, the agency tasked to privatize the generation assets of the National Power Corp., has four teams in the WESM trading 50 percent of the total capacity there.

The capacity it trades comes from Napocor's independent power producers.

Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla said the investigation of PSALM was "part of the regular and continuing monitoring and surveillance process by the market operator to ensure transparency and integrity of the conduct of operations in the spot market."

Lotilla said WESM rules provided sufficient safety nets to ensure that there would be no manipulative behavior in the market.

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Slain bishop's kin insist cops wrong on motive

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CAMP OLIVAS, PAMPANGA—THE family of slain Aglipayan Bishop Alberto Ramento as well as militant groups are disputing the Philippine National Police's claim that it had solved the bishop's murder and that it was not a political killing.

"We don't believe in what the police say," Alberto Ramento II, the bishop's eldest son, said in a phone interview from Cavite where the wake for the bishop was being held.

He said the family did not see a strong basis for the police probers' conclusion that it was robbers who killed the 69-year-old bishop in the rectory of his San Sebastian Parish in Tarlac on Oct. 3.

Ramento said his father was poor and old and could not have been robbed or killed for the money.

"What would they get out of robbing and killing him?" he said.

The family believes it was Ramento's life of service to and defense of the poor that made him a target for murder, he said.

He said the police had not met with the family to present the results of their investigation.

Police had arrested four petty thieves—Michael Viado, Michael Quitalig, Raymon Perez and Joel Villanueva—in Tarlac.

The police have yet to release a copy of their extrajudicial confession.

A fifth suspect, identified as Efren Suarez, remains at large.

Archimedes Ferrer, the bishop's aide, also doubted the police findings and demanded to see the bishop's ring recovered from the suspects.

Even if it was the bishop's ring, Ferrer said he would still doubt the motive because a priest, who was with Ramento on Oct. 2, had told him a man had been tailing the bishop.

Gerry Albert Corpuz, information officer of Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (Pamalakaya), said the fisherfolk group would ask for the re-opening and reinvestigation of the case.

Corpuz said the investigation should be handled by an independent body the Amnesty International.

He said the PNP was "prostituting" itself by "serving as a washing laboratory of the military on political killings."

Danilo Ramos, secretary general of Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas, said the four arrested suspects were "mere fall guys or at most hired underlings."

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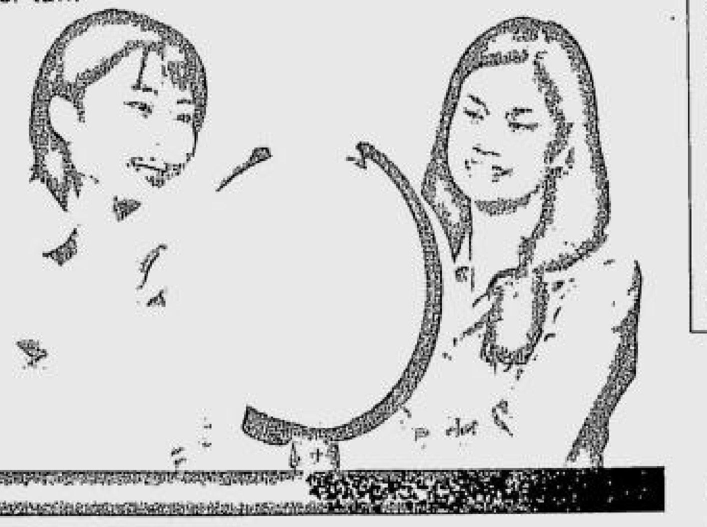

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GUYITO'S NEW HOME
Students of Tagum City National High School in Davao warmly welcome their own Guyito, the Philippine Daily Inquirer mascot, to their campus on Friday. The school was awarded a Guyito painted by renowned Filipino artist Roel Obemio for being one of the winners in the National Quiz Bee. *(Story on Page A20)* DENNIS JAY SANTOS / INQUIRER MINDANAO

RP now open to aid – Gordon

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS yesterday appealed to the international community to help victims of Typhoon "Milenyo" which battered Luzon, saying the damage was more extensive than previously assessed.

Sen. Richard Gordon, PNRC chair, said the Red Cross would need at least 5 million Swiss francs (about P200 million) to help people in Albay, Camarines Sur and Sorsogon whose homes and crops were destroyed by the strong typhoon and who now faced an uncertain livelihood.

Gordon said three Red Cross teams were sent to the Bicol provinces to assess the damage before the humanitarian organization sounded the call for international assistance.

"We wanted to be sure before we asked for international assistance so we sent our teams there. They came back and confirmed our worst fears—that the damage was worse than reported earlier," Gordon said.

Gordon said the report was handed to Roger Bracke, a delegate of the International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies.

This early, Gordon said, aid from three countries had come in. He said French Ambassador Gerald Chesnel gave 40,000 euro (about P2.5 million) while Australian Aid sent A$25,000 and the cigarette firm Philip Morris, US$20,000.

The first to help was United States Ambassador Kristie Kenney, who gave $100,000 (P5 million) to the Red Cross.

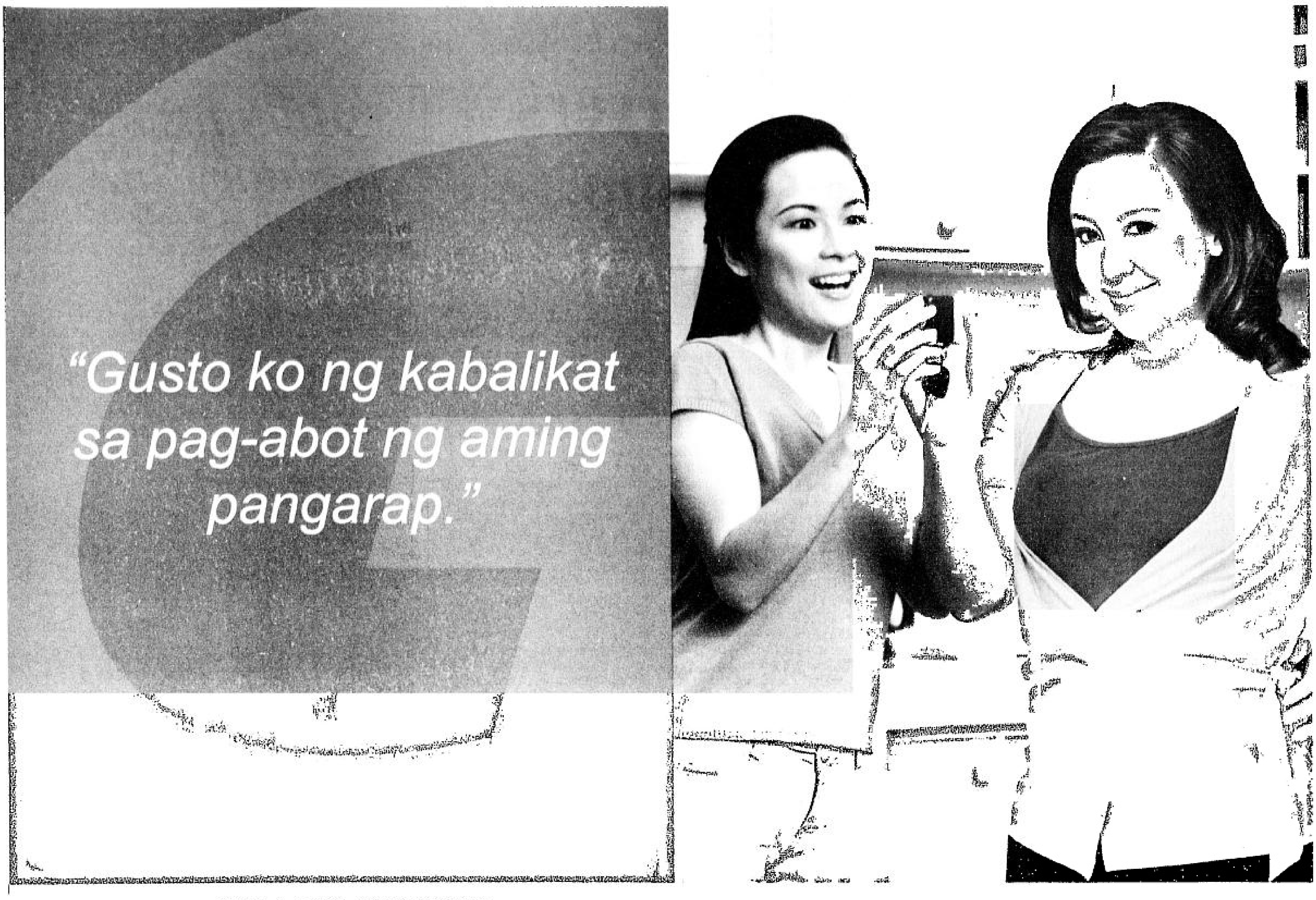
Citing Red Cross figures, Gordon said that as of yesterday, 324,392 families, or more than 1.5 million individuals, had been displaced by the typhoon. About 68,000 homes were destroyed in 177 municipalities and 15 cities in Laguna, Quezon, Rizal, Cavite and the three Bicol provinces.

He said the Red Cross had provided nearly 15,000 families with food aid.

"I appeal to our people that while we were inconvenienced in Metro Manila because we had no power and water, and traffic got snarled, the people in Albay, Sorsogon, Camarines Sur, Quezon, Laguna and Cavite suffered more. Many of them lost their homes and livelihood," Gordon said.

Gordon said the Red Cross has launched Globe text-a-load to raise funds for the victims.

He said kind-hearted Filipinos could text RED (space) (amount) to 2988, and indicate the donation amount not exceeding P300 they want to make in one text. *Juliet Labog-Javellana*



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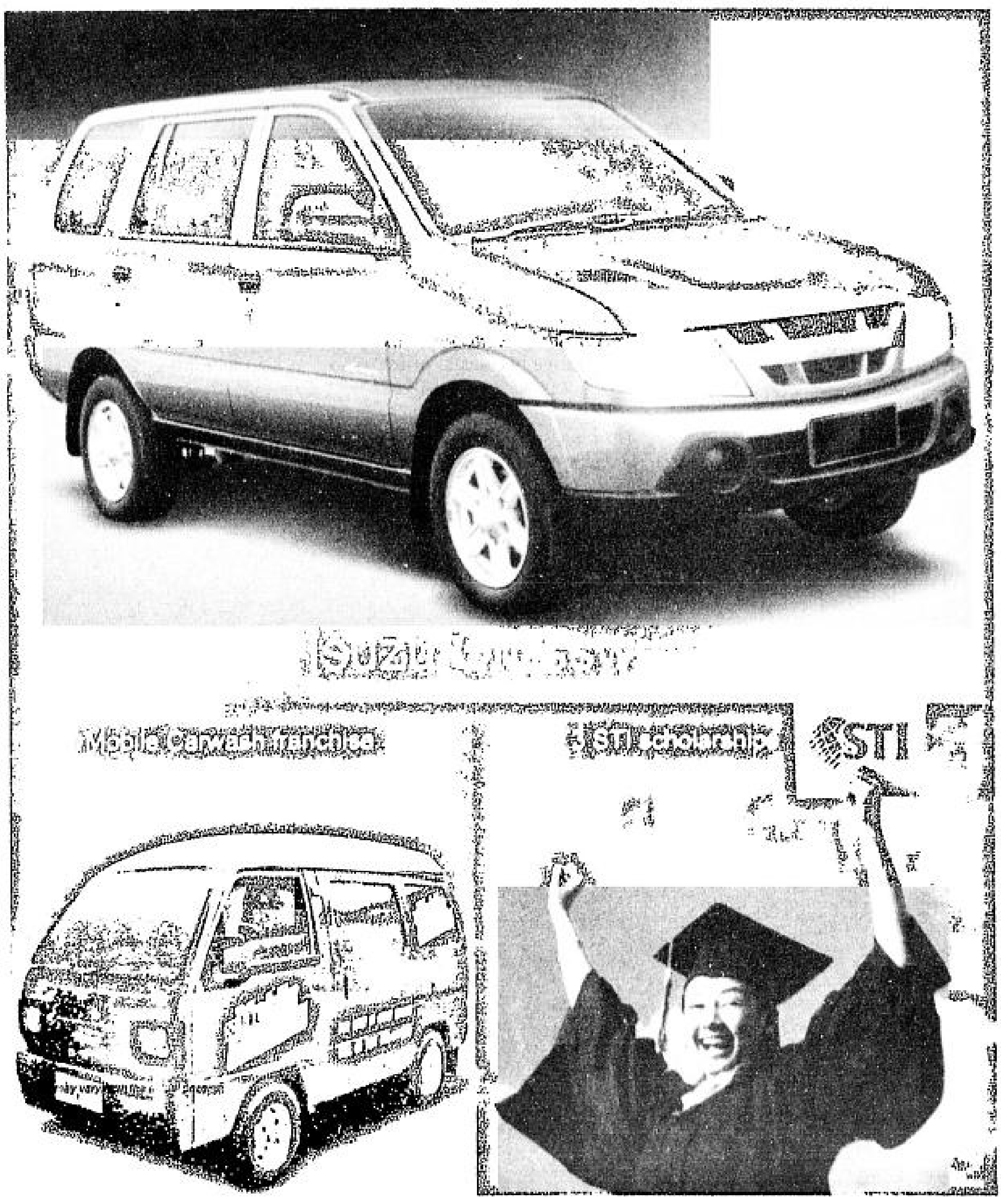

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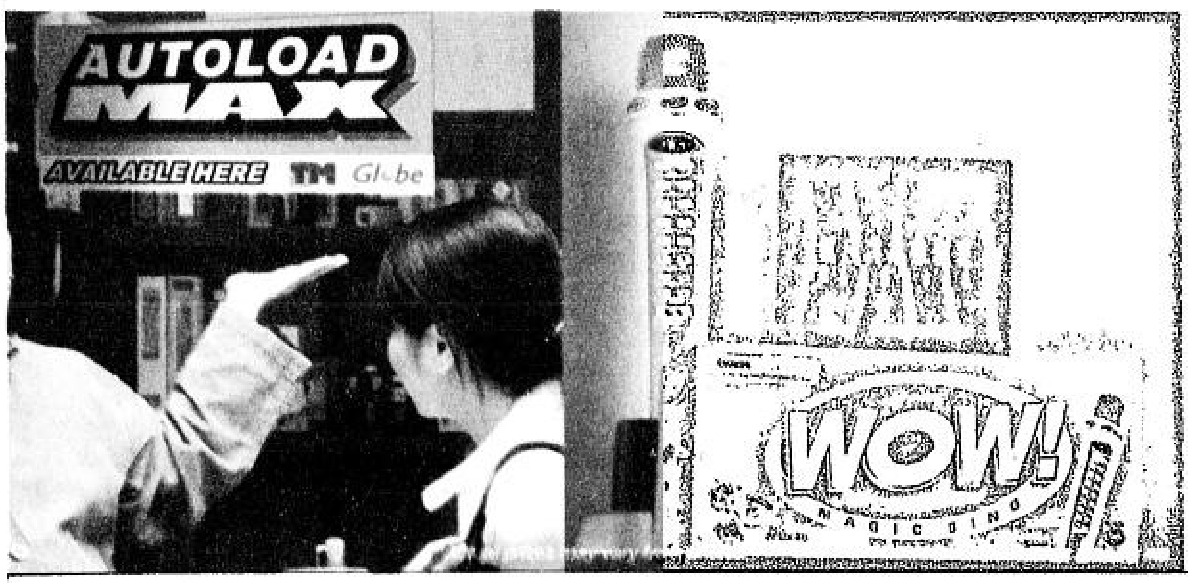

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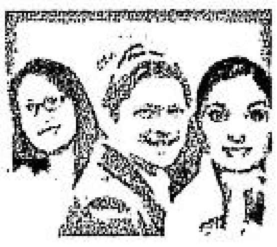

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RP should let UN observers in, says int'l rights group

By Norman Bordadora

THE NEW YORK-BASED HUMAN Rights Watch has cited the Philippines, along with such countries as North Korea and Burma, for its failure to cooperate with United Nations special rapporteurs tasked to look into the country's human rights situation.

HRW said North Korea and Burma, both dictatorial regimes, had never allowed entry to the UN experts assigned to look into their respective human rights situations. But particular attention has been drawn to the Philippines, which has yet to respond to five pending requests for invitation, because of its membership in the UN Human Rights Council, presently in session in Geneva.

"The members of the council must lead by example. All council members should issue a standing invitation to any expert appointed by the council to visit, without restrictions," HRW global advocacy director Peggy Hicks said in a statement.

"Dialogue is good, but governments must match their words with action," Hicks said. "States, and particularly members of the council, must give the council's experts full access so that they can do their jobs, and take prompt action to implement their recommendations."

HRW said records at the UN High Commission for Human Rights showed that more than 80 states had outstanding requests for visits by the council's independent experts. Fifty-five countries had extended invitations to the council's thematic experts as of July.

The Philippines, however, was one of only seven countries with as many as five requests for invitation from the UN independent experts. The others were Ethiopia, India, Russia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe

Experts appointed in 2000 for Burma and in 2004 for North Korea had never been allowed access to the countries they had been assigned to monitor, the HRW said.

"But the problem extends well beyond such notorious human rights abusers. Seven additional states—Ethiopia, India, the Philippines, Russia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe—have failed to cooperate with at least five experts," it added.

The Philippines has pending requests for invitation from the UN special rapporteurs on human rights defenders, extrajudicial killings, freedom of expression and the right to food, as well as the UN working group on enforced or involuntary disappearance.

Despite President Macapagal-Arroyo's pronouncements during her recent trip to Europe, the Philippine mission to the United Nations in Geneva has yet to act on these five requests.

"In the face of the unabated extrajudicial executions, the latest of which claimed the life of our beloved Iglesia Filipina Independiente Bishop Alberto Ramento, we strongly call for the entry of the UN special rapporteurs into the country," said lawyer Edre Olalia, a member of the NGO delegation to the UNHRC sessions in Geneva.

Olalia was with the delegation that also included Marie Hilao-Enriquez of the human rights group Karapatan, Danilo Ramos of the peasant organization Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas and Tess Vistro of the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development.

"The Philippine government's continued refusal to allow itself to be investigated by independent and credible bodies like the UN special mechanisms only proves the Arroyo government's deception and double-talk in handing the mounting cases of human rights violations," Ramos said.

Militants hit military 'tail'

By Jerome Aning

THE MILITANT KILUSANG Mayo Uno yesterday denounced the Armed Forces of the Philippines for allegedly placing under surveillance a Quezon City-based law office providing legal services to labor unions and workers.

Security guards at Food Terminal Inc. in Taguig City arrested an Army intelligence agent on Friday. The soldier was seen tailing officers of the Nagkakaisang Bisig ng Manggagawa sa FTI, a KMU affiliate, after they left the Pro-Legal Assistance Center (Place) in Cubao, Quezon City.

Pfc. Rommel Felipe Santiago was brought to the city police for investigation. He was later released after the Army Inspector General confirmed he was on official duty.

"When did the military intelligence office became part of the labor department? This monitoring by the Army is definitely beyond labor-management relations," said KMU national chair Elmer Labog.

Labog said this meant that even labor lawyers were no longer spared from the harassment and intimidation that was the lot of workers. He said the lawsuits being handled by Place were all labor-related, including illegal dismissals, strikes, violations of labor laws and unfair labor practices.

"While big companies are able to hire big-shot lawyers, workers who are already hard-pressed in finding money to feed their families find it even more difficult to hire lawyers to assist them in their legal cases. Place tries to help workers by providing legal services, but even this small service is now under threat," Labog said.

According to the police report, Santiago said he and a companion were watching the law office but the tailing of the union officials was a case of "mistaken identity."

According to NBM-FTI president Jun Cruz, he and the other union officials had been to a hearing at the National Labor Reconciliation Commission, after which they went to the Place office to consult with their lawyers.

On leaving Place at about 11:30 a.m., they noticed that they were being followed by two men on a yellow motorcycle. They were followed all the way to the FTI complex in Taguig, they said.

Barangays ordered to see to rights plaints

INTERIOR SECRETARY RONALdo Puno has called on local government units to revitalize their barangay human rights action centers (BHRAC) in line with the intensified government effort to empower ordinary Filipinos at the grassroots level to uphold and defend their constitutional rights.

Puno issued the directive after finding out from the Commission on Human Rights that out of 7,270 BHRAC's established since 2001, only 2,342 or about a third were functioning.

"These centers serve to process complaints and disseminate information on human rights concerns, especially in far-flung areas in the countryside," Puno said.

Puno, through Undersecretary for Local Government Wencelito Andanar, issued Memorandum Circular No. 2006-45 to all local officials and DILG regional directors, reminding them to give top priority to the BHRAC program of the CHR.

He also directed DILG and local officials to review their respective human rights action plans for inclusion in their annual budget proposals.

In his memorandum, Puno also encouraged sangguniang barangays nationwide to either establish or revitalize their respective BHRACs.

Puno reminded local government executives of the vital role they played in ensuring the success of the BHRAC program which is aimed at increasing public awareness of human rights issues at the grassroots level.

He also supported the proposed integration of a human rights advocacy course in the training program for Philippine National Police personnel in line with his department's thrust of fostering a new culture that values and respects human rights in the bureaucracy.

He said this recommendation was among the outputs of the first of a series of meetings conducted by an eight-man group he formed to craft a strategy paper on human rights concerns.

The group is composed of representatives from the Department of Interior and Local Government, PNP, Commission on Human Rights, and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology.

"Among the proposals during these meetings was for the PNP to include a human rights advocacy course in the training program for its personnel," Puno said.

"We fully welcome this recommendation even as the DILG remains committed to ensuring that the human rights of our policemen are also protected," he said. *Norman Bordadora*

Esperat convictions lauded

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERAtion of Journalists (IFJ) said it was heartened by the conviction on Friday of three persons charged with the murder of journalist Marlene Garcia-Esperat.

Esperat, a columnist for the Midland Review in Mindanao, was murdered on March 24, 2005, in her own home in Tacurong City after she reportedly uncovered and wrote on multi-million-peso anomalies in the Department of Agriculture.

Cebu Regional Trial Court Judge Eric Menchavez sentenced gunman Gerry Cabagay and coaccused Randy Grecia and Estanislao Bismanos to 40 years in prison each for the murder of Esperat.

The three were also ordered to indemnify Esperat's heirs in the amount of ₱175,000 for civil, moral and exemplary damages.

"This is a rare win in the battle for justice for the overwhelming numbers of journalists brutally murdered in the Philippines," said IFJ president Christopher Warren.

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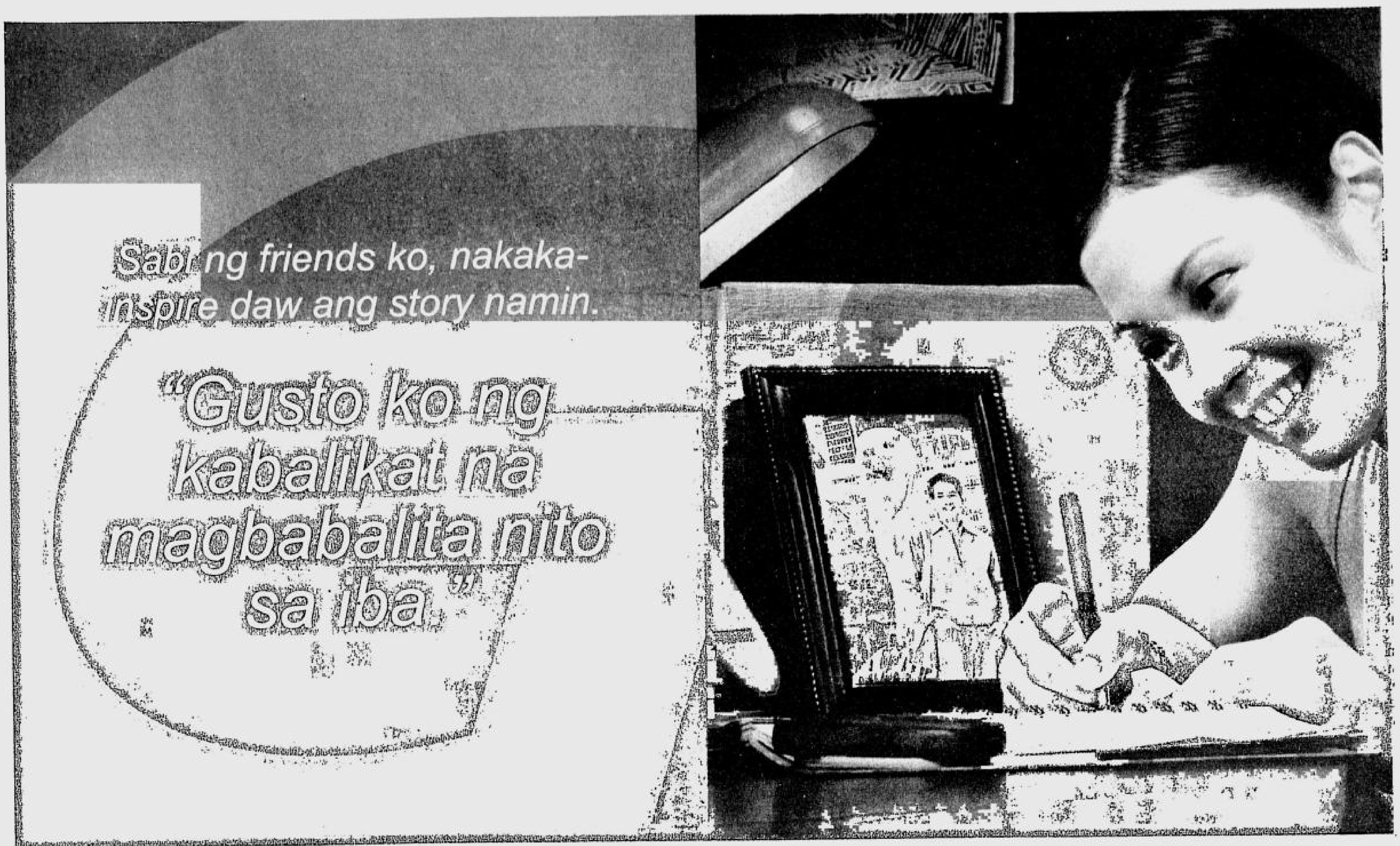
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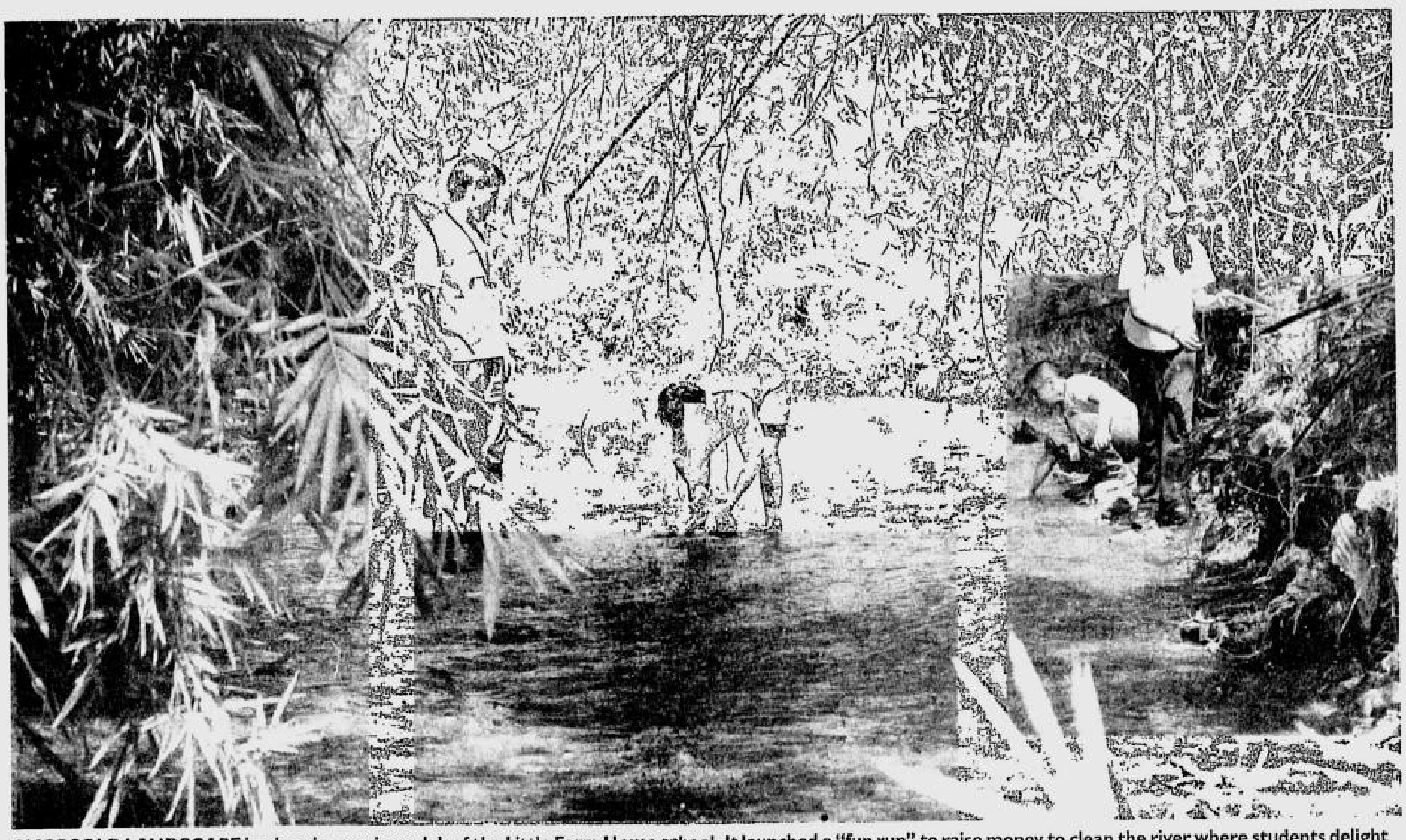

AMORSOLO LANDSCAPE is a hands-on science lab of the Little Farm House school. It launched a "fun run" to raise money to clean the river where students delight in its cool environs and an abundance of nature's creatures. The river, a 15-km tributary of the Pasig River, is only 10 minutes away from the school. EDWIN BACASMAS

Unnamed river an uncharted beauty

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Beverly Hills subdivision, Barangay Dolores in Taytay, launched a campaign last Friday to protect this surviving ecosystem.

A fund-raising "fun run" around the village, which drew the participation of over 200 students and parents, raised some P25,000 in seed money to be used for the river's much-needed cleanup. The campaign also included appeals to local government and property owners to protect Tungtong from urban pollution.

"I've looked at the latest maps from Namria and Tungtong is not even named there," said Henry Calilung, Little Farm's most senior science teacher and leader of the campaign. (Namria stands for the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority, an attached agency of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.)

Calilung had searched the most detailed maps he could find and came to this conclusion: "I suspect that Tungtong was this one blue line branching out of the Pasig River—but that's it."

The topographical Namria maps he consulted were bought in 2003 but carried data dating back to the '80s, he added.

Hands-on lab

Through a more modern tool—satellite images accessible through http://earth.google.com—Calilung said he was able to approximate the length of this otherwise anonymous river to be about 15 kilometers.

Early residents probably called it Tungtong (which literally means "to step on") because the river was shallow enough for a person to safely wade in even during the rainy season, he explained. The flow would narrow to a thin stream at the peak of summer but it never dried out.

The water was only about knee-deep last Friday when "Teacher Henry" gave some of his students a tour of the river, which he described as a "hands-on laboratory," especially for his high school science class.

Only about 400 meters of the river runs through the Beverly Hills subdivision, but its banks are just about a 10-minute walk from the campus.

Within the short stretch that passes through the village is Tungtong's most spectacular portion: A 15-foot waterfall or "talon," a delight for trekkers who know just where to look.

Birds, butterflies, frogs

A BS Biology graduate from the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City, Calilung sought help from a college buddy to document the various species that have managed to thrive in Tungtong, despite the growing threat of pollution.

The study, completed in 2003 by former UP Biology teacher Jose Christopher Mendoza, found that up to "49 species of birds" had either taken up residency there or had found it suitable for seasonal visits.

Calilung's own students have recorded sightings of at least five species of butterflies and five species of frogs.

This profile of Tungtong's fauna was presented in poster form and was entered into competition during the 13th Annual Philippine Terrestrial Biodiversity Symposium, held by the Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines in April 2004.

That poster won the grand prize—and further inspired the Little Farm community to do something more for their river aside from just discussing it in class.

Highlight of Science Week

Last Friday's marathon served as the highlight of the school's yearly Science Week and raised initial funds which, Calilung said, would go to clearing the river of trash and the planting of more trees to fortify its banks against erosion in the next two to three years.

Water quality would also be monitored scientifically, he said, adding that the school was currently negotiating with WWF-Philippines (Kabang Kalikasan ng Pilipinas) for technical supervision.

Right now, the river's water quality upstream still has enough dissolved oxygen for fish (mostly guppies), crabs and shrimp to live, according to Calilung. Monitor lizards (*bayawak*) still lurk in the heavy foliage.

In 2002, a python believed to have come from the river slithered into the school compound.

But to keep Tungtong that way, Calilung and his fellow advocates at Little Farm would have to overcome tremendous odds.

This is because part of their campaign will involve "community development," or convincing the very people who live by the river to be its own protectors, not abusers.

For this to succeed, Calilung said, attitudes—not scientific expertise—would play a crucial role.

Not a trash can

"The local homeowners [of Beverly Hills] support our project. Hopefully we can reach the other [neighboring] barangay and make the residents realize that one doesn't use up a river until it dies, that a river is not one big trash can," Calilung said.

"We may not be able to stop future constructions, but we can appeal to future homeowners and developers that it's for their own benefit if the river doesn't turn into a health hazard," he added.

In the upstream portions alone, there are 50 to 60 houses constructed along the banks, almost half of them informal settlers.

Most serious threat

But the most serious threat comes from residents who wash their clothes in the river or use it to dispose of their garbage.

Zach himself, the boy who slipped on Tungtong's banks last Friday, encountered patches of washed-up garbage along the way and was disgusted with what he saw. Only later, wading a few more yards past the trail of trash did his playful mood return at the sight of the clean, breathtaking "talon."

Teacher Henry smiled because the day's lesson had begun.

Dayanara ...

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Makati City.

Presidential Chief of Staff Michael Defensor expressed his optimism about Torres' decision to endorse the country's booming medical tourism industry.

"We are encouraged by Miss Torres' decision to endorse a local company, and the Philippines as a whole, as a hub of wellness and rejuvenation," Defensor said.

"As an international celebrity, she will help attract interest for the country. I think she has the credibility to pull in the tourists and she has a strong affinity with Filipinos," he added.

Defensor said he would discuss with Tourism Secretary Joseph "Ace" Durano how the government could tap Torres to help promote the Philippines' medical tourism business.

Specialists, celeb owners

Torres has been tapped to be the face of Beverly Hills 6750, a new surgi-center, whose staff boasts of leading specialists from St. Luke's Medical Center, Makati Medical Center and University of Sto. Tomas Hospital.

Two of the owners are celebrity couple David Bunevacz and Jessica Rodriguez, a friend of Torres'.

Beverly Hills 6750 medical director Eduardo Santos said that as an image model, Torres "provides credibility to the whole business with her wholesome image and professional reputation."

The Puerto Rican model-actress won the Miss Universe title in 1993 when she was only 18. She first came to the Philippines in 1994 when the Miss Universe pageant was held in Manila. She won the hearts of many Filipinos and made movies here until 1998.

Marc Anthony

Torres was romantically linked to local actor Aga Muhlach, who's now married to Charlene Gonzalez, Miss Philippines-Universe 1994.

Torres was married for four years to Marc Anthony, a Puerto Rican-American singer-songwriter popular for his salsa music. In 2004, less than a week after their divorce was finalized, Anthony married American actress-singer Jennifer Lopez.

Beverly Hills 6750 is an affiliate of the Beverly Hills Institute, a leading medical center which specializes in plastic surgery in southern California.

Torres is expected to arrive in the Philippines for a photo shoot and celebrity interviews on Nov. 10-12. She will most likely meet with Defensor and Durano during her visit.

After fulfilling her commitments to a Fox TV show in the United States, Torres will return to the Philippines next year and will stay for a longer time to promote the surgical center around Asia.

State-of-the-art

Santos said they decided to tap Torres because Beverly Hills 6750 targets tourists from Japan, China and Korea. "By endorsing a local surgical center, Torres would be uplifting the image of the Philippines overseas," he explained.

Aside from getting access to the latest medical breakthroughs in plastic surgery with its international affiliation, Beverly Hills 6750 will have state-of-the-art laser machines and equipment and a respected staff of physicians and dental professionals, he said.

According to Santos, the Philippines has the potential to compete head-on with the region's number-one medical center destination, Thailand, despite the latter's 15-year headstart in the industry.

"Our prices are low and our technology is comparable with the region's best," he said.

Where are they now? Poll computers just lie there

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They can be taken out and used any time," Comelec education and information division chief James Arthur Jimenez told the INQUIRER.

The boxes containing the machines are piled atop each other at least 20 feet high. They occupy about half of the topmost floor of the four-story warehouse, which is accessed by a metal staircase. Light comes in through glass-pane windows and from several fluorescent lamps.

Guarded by Marines

There is no air-conditioning but according to Jimenez, the warehouse is well-ventilated at "storage temperature."

Jimenez said two Comelec officials are in charge of the warehouse: Joy Carpio of the Comelec chair's office and Raul Ragay. A detachment of Marines guards the compound 24 hours a day.

The warehouse contains old records and documents from the files of the Comelec's divisions and departments, ballot boxes, as well as new forms for transactions at the agency, Jimenez said.

Cannibalizing them

"If they can't be used for elections, then perhaps they can be turned into something beneficial," he said in a phone interview. "In the same way that we do with [old] cars, we can dismantle and convert the parts into something else."

Abalos said there were proposals to dismantle the ACMs' software and hardware and sell them.

All depends on high court

"Since we don't own them. Comelec won't be benefiting from the sale," Abalos said: "It's just that many people have been asking us why are we still storing them if they can't be used for elections anyway."

There were also proposals to donate the machines to public schools, whose computer departments could benefit from the spare parts, the Comelec chief said.

Abalos said the proposal to scrap and sell the ACMs would all depend on the Supreme Court's final ruling on the machines.

Last week, Abalos and other Comelec officials were cleared by the Office of the Ombudsman of any wrongdoing when they entered into the automation contract, which the Supreme Court said was riddled with bidding irregularities.

Too late for 2007

The Ombudsman's decision flew in the face of the Supreme Court ruling that the Comelec officials committed grave abuse of discretion when they awarded the deal to MegaPacific.

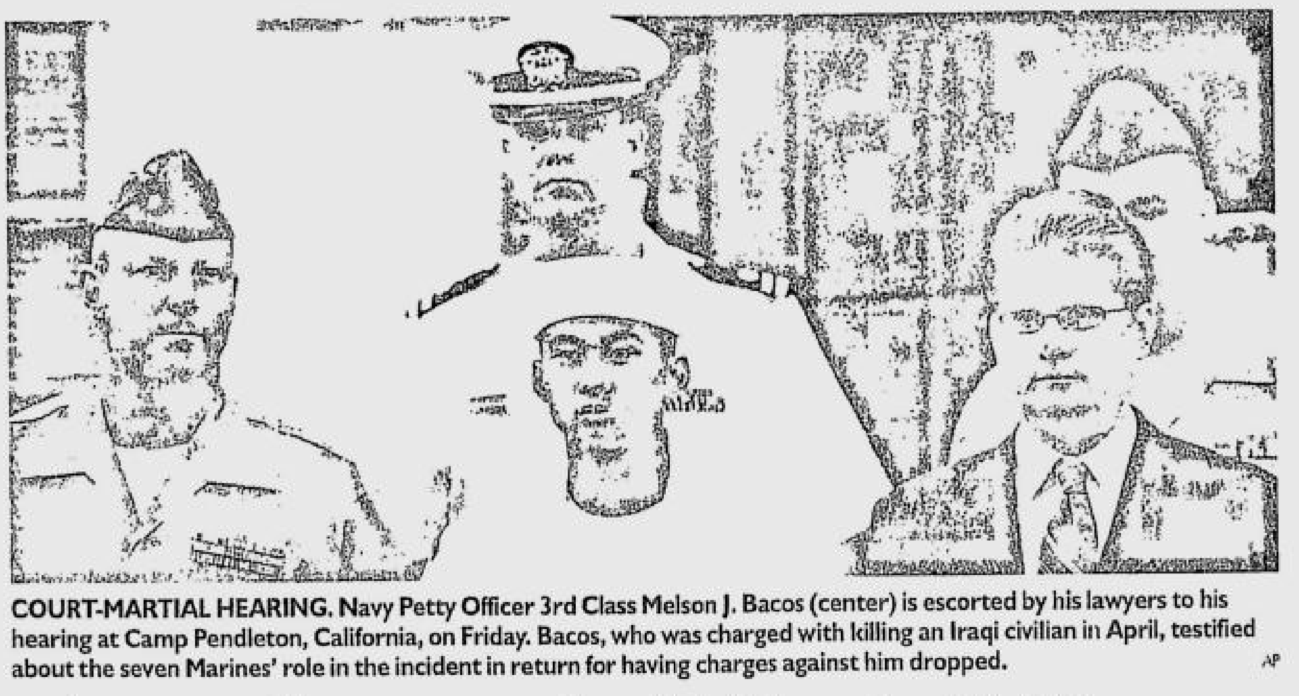
Abalos, however, said that even if the high court allowed it, the machines could no longer be used for the 2007 mid-term elections because the Comelec was already preparing for manual counting.

The Comelec is currently lobbying with Congress for an amendment to the election law that would allow the poll body to choose the appropriate technology for the voting and canvassing processes.

India's example

Under the Election Modernization Act, the the poll body is only allowed to buy ballot-reading machines.

Abalos said the Comelec was also considering for future elections a "paper-free" balloting system similar to the one being used in India.



COURT-MARTIAL HEARING. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Melson J. Bacos (center) is escorted by his lawyers to his hearing at Camp Pendleton, California, on Friday. Bacos, who was charged with killing an Iraqi civilian in April, testified about the seven Marines' role in the incident in return for having charges against him dropped. AP

Fil-Am tells court of cold-blooded killing

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Marines would "find someone else," Bacos said.

After failing to locate their intended target, the Marines raided the house next door, Bacos said. Two Marines pulled Awad outside and took him to a hole that had been dug to look like one used for roadside bombs, he said.

The Marines grabbed a shovel lying outside another home, then went inside and grabbed an AK-47 assault rifle, Bacos said.

He said Hutchins ordered the Marines to fire AK-47 rounds into the air "to make it look like we were in a firefight with this man."

'Sick to my stomach'

Hutchins fired the first few shots, then other Marines fired rounds, Bacos said. Another soldier, Lance Corporal Robert Pennington, wiped fingerprints off the assault rifle, he said.

The Marines then bound the hands and feet of Awad and gagged him before firing three shots into his head, Bacos said. Hutchins then radioed headquarters and reported that his squad had killed a man in a firefight.

Bacos said he felt "sick to my stomach" following the killings and said he had tried to intervene.

"I tried to stop others from killing," Bacos said. "I wanted to be part of the team. Now I have to live with this for the rest of my life. I feel like my honor is gone. I apologize to my country."

Bacos, who has been removed from custody at Camp Pendleton for his own safety, was later jailed for a year after earlier being told he could face a life sentence for his role in the killing.

"Hopefully that (Iraqi) family will forgive us for what we have done," Bacos told reporters in brief comments after the case.

Prosecutor Nicholas Gannon argued Bacos should be given no less than [illegible] to 15 years behind bars and a dishonorable discharge, describing his actions as "too little, too late."

"They force-marched this man, on a walk of death, almost a thousand meters," Gannon told the court. "(Bacos) followed behind, watching Mr. Awad limp on."

Bacos' lawyers said that with time in custody already served, their client could be freed by the end of the year.

2 plead not guilty

Two of the seven Marines involved in the case, John Jodka and Marshall Magincalda, pleaded not guilty to murder on Wednesday.

Jodka, a 20-year-old private, will stand trial on March 5, following the completion of Magincalda's court-martial, which gets under way on Feb. 1.

Marine commander Gen. James Mattis has already said the death penalty will not be sought for the two soldiers.

Five other Marines involved are yet to stand trial. AFP

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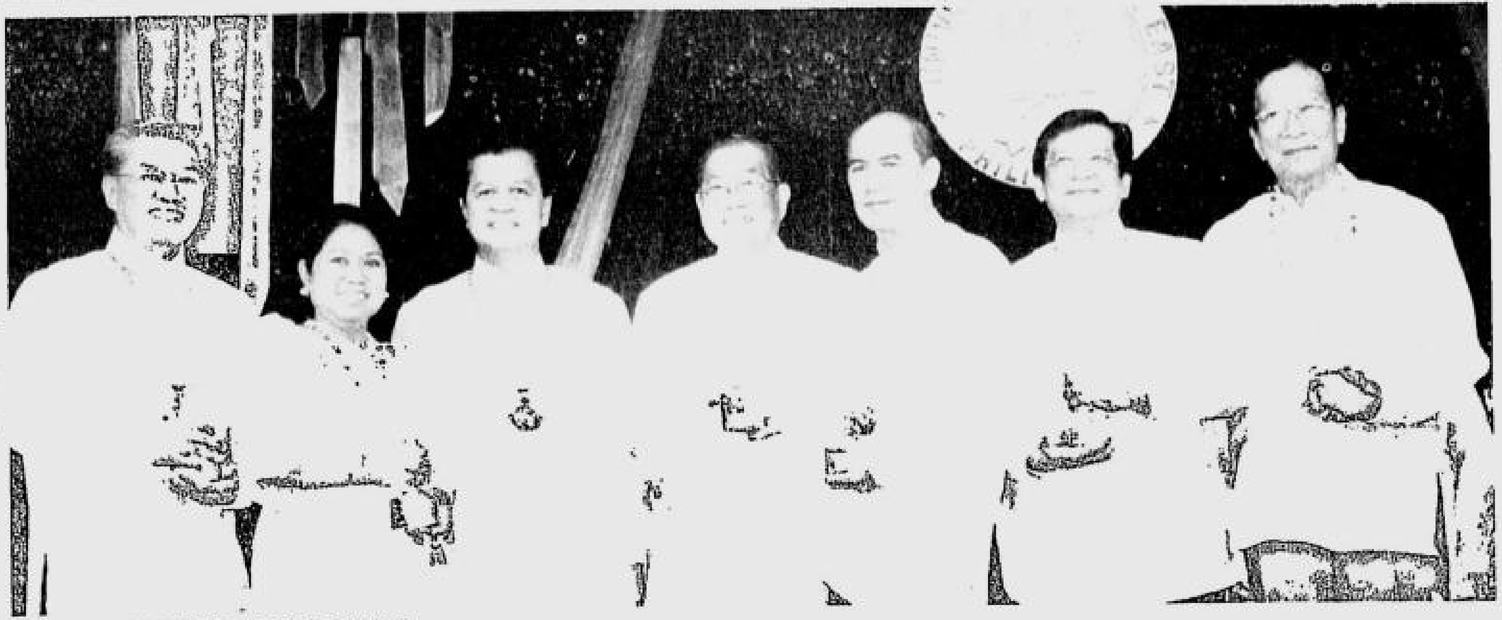

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Vice President Noli de Castro poses with the six prominent dentists who were chosen among the 60 outstanding alumni of the University of the East during the awards night in connection with the university's Diamond Jubilee celebration at the UE campus in Manila recently. They are (from left) Luis F. Orosa (cum laude 1965, board third placer), past chair of the Board of Dentistry, Professional Regulation Commission; Leonor T. Rocero (cum laude 1968, board second placer), current chair, PRC; De Castro, himself one of the 60 outstanding UE alumni; Diampo J. Lim, (magna cum laude 1960), past president, Asia Pacific Dental Federation and long-time dean of the UE College of Dentistry; Jesus D. Tumaneng (1974), past president, Philippine Dental Association and the Asia Pacific Dental Federation; Hermogenes P. Villareal (1974), president, International College of Dentists-Philippine Section and chair of the department of dental medicine, Asian Hospital; and Antonio A. Baldemor (1953), former Unilab assistant vice president, former vice mayor, Paete, Laguna, and past chair Board of Dentistry, PRC.

DSWD, BSP eye ATMs for the blind

SHOULD THE BLIND AND OTHER persons with disabilities be allowed to have bank accounts? If so, how can they protect their accounts or even access them through the automatic teller machines?

These and other issues are now being tackled by the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas in an effort to provide equality for disabled persons in the banking and financial system.

Resolution

Social Welfare Secretary Esperanza I. Cabral, chair of the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP)expressed appreciation for the support of the BSP for the full participation and equalization of privileges and opportunities of the visually impaired and other persons with disabilities in the banking and financial system.

On July 27, the NCWDP passed a resolution requesting the Monetary Board of the BSP to direct all banks to accept customers with disabilities as depositors and to explore ways to assist them in accomplishing their banking transactions. The council also suggested that bank facilities such as automatic teller machines (ATMs) be customized to suit the needs of disabled persons.

The resolution was passed as a result of the refusal of some commercial banks to allow blind individuals to open accounts with the banks allegedly due to their inability to protect their account.

NCWDP Deputy Executive Director Mar Lee said 20 blind persons had been rejected recently by commercial banks in Mandaluyong and Manila as clients.

In response, BSP Acting Director Teodora San Pedro wrote the council recently to say that the BSP has reminded banks to comply with the provisions of BP 344 which provides that buildings should be constructed or modified to conform with prescribed facilities and devises for physically challenged persons.

She said there were difficulties in accommodating blind depositors because banks do not have the system or the facilities to safeguard their transactions.

She said that while there may not be any deliberate intent to discriminate against the blind, the banks' risk management systems have cautioned against the possibility of fraud in transactions involving the accounts of the blind and the consequent suits that may arise.

Cabral, the DSWD said, has directed the NCWDP staff to meet with the BSP on how to ensure a friendly, just and non-discriminatory environment in the banks for blind people and other persons with disablities.

UP alumni engineers' homecoming Nov. 6

THE UP ALUMNI ENGINEERS WILL BE CELEbrating its grand alumni homecoming on Nov. 6 at the Manila Polo Club.

The occasion will be marked by the recognition of this year's jubilarians, composed of the graduates of 1956, 1966, and 1981.

The annual departmental awards to recognize the valuable contributions of the alumni in their respective fields will also be given.

The UPAE has been involved in fund-raising activities for the benefit of the college and of the university.

This year marks the 1st UPAE-College of Engineering raffle draw, which includes as its major prizes a BMW car, a Ridley motorcycle, Toyota Altis and Hyundai Getz. Other prizes include computers and cellular phones.

The winning numbers will be drawn on the homecoming night. The proceeds of the raffle draw will be used to renovate several classrooms of Melchor Hall.

Registration starts at 6 p.m. Homecoming tickets cost P1,000 and are available at the gates or from the UPAE office at Room 218, Melchor Hall.

Tacloban gab tackles Visayan historiography

VISAYAN HISTORIOGRAPHY IN THE NATIONal perspective is the subject of the Philippine National Historical Society's 27th national conference to be held on Oct. 26-28 at the Leyte Normal University (LNU) in Tacloban City, Leyte.

The keynote address, "Theorizing Local Histories," will be delivered by Dr. Resil B. Mojares of the University of San Carlos (USC).

Papers will be presented by P. Emelio S. Pascual, USC; Roquezon Rubia, USC; Pablo Amascual III, LNU; Jose N. Lianza, LNU; Rowena Guiang, University of the Philippines-Tacloban; Daniel C. Talde, UP Tacloban; Rolando O. Borrinaga, UP School of Health Sciences in Palo, Leyte; Rev. Eustaquio B. Rosaldo, LGU Quinapondan, Eastern Samar; Randy M. Madrid, UP Visayas; Tomasito Talledo, UP Visayas-Iloilo; Gil G. Gotiangco Jr., UP Diliman; Maria Nela B. Florendo, UP Baguio; Raymundo D. Rovillos, UP Baguio; Francis A. Gealogo, Ateneo de Manila University; Stephen Henry S. Totanes, ADMU; Calbi A. Asain, Mindanao State University-Sulu; Earl Jude Paul L. Cleope, Silliman University; and Regalado Trota Jose, University of Santo Tomas.

Founded in 1941, the Philippine National Historical Society is the oldest such organization in the country.

Since its first national conference on local and national history in 1978 at Xavier University, the PNHS has held annual conferences in various locations, usually focusing on the local history of the region or province where the conference is held.

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Left hits PNP on 21 cases

THE COMMUNIST-LED NATIONAL Democratic Front denounced the Philippine National Police's Task Force Usig for claiming to have solved 21 cases of political killings in the past nine weeks, "even before the investigation could start."

"The lies of Task Force Usig are contradicted by the testimonies of survivors and other witnesses who present the facts and circumstances which clearly point to the culpability of the military, the police and death squads of the Arroyo regime," said Fidel V. Agcaoili, chair of the NDF human rights committee, in an e-mailed message.

The PNP reported last Tuesday that the Task Force Usig was able to solve 21 cases of political killings within the 10-week deadline given by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

PNP Director General Oscar Calderon said that with the filing of charges in court against the suspects, the 21 cases were considered solved. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., Inquirer Southern Luzon*

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RP now importing wood needs due to deforestation

By Ephraim Aguilar
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LEGAZPI CITY—SIXTY PERCENT of the country's wood needs is being imported because of the worsening condition and denudation of our forests, local foresters said at the 58th anniversary celebration and national convention of the Society of Filipino Foresters Inc. (SFFI) held here last week.

Ricardo Umali, SFFI national council president, said it would take the government "hundreds of years and trillions of pesos" to rehabilitate the barren forests but if the people contributed to the effort, this could be shortened by up to 50 years.

Eriberto Agete, director for policy planning at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources central office, said the country's forest area had widened from 5.5-million hectares to 7.2-million-ha in five years – between 2001 and 2006 – through the reforestation and forest management efforts of the government and other sectors.

In 1930, the country had 17-million-ha of forests.

Agete said SFFI, in cooperation with the DENR and local government units (LGUs), was aiming for "sustainable forest management," more than just rehabilitation.

"We can work with the LGUs by sharing our knowledge in forest land use planning. We could help determine which forests could be used for production and commercial purposes and which for environmental considerations like protecting biodiversity and water," Umali said.

Agete said SFFI was seeking the support of the private sector to establish a massive tree plantation since the government had scarce funds for the initiative.

He said the 800,000 trees planted on Aug. 25 for the green highways campaign showed the people's concern for the environment.

The foresters are still waiting for the Senate to pass the Sustainable Forest Management Act, which has been under deliberation for 12 years.

"We need a new law that is more comprehensive. We currently rely on executive orders which do not allocate regular resources for forest management," Umali said.

He said one of the factors that was delaying the passage of the bill was the debate on whether the law should advocate a total or a selective log ban.

On the controversial land use conflict going on at the La Mesa watershed because of a planned housing project, Agete said the SFFI did not have much to say about it since the watershed was a titled property owned by the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System.

"The question now is, will the MWSS allow the DENR to make it a protected area even if it is a titled property? Society, though, would want it proclaimed a protected area since we want to preserve our watersheds," he said.

There are some 8,000 licensed foresters in the country who are members of the SFFI, the main forestry service provider for the national and local governments, communities and the private sector.

The SFFI said it would continue to find ways and strategies to maximize its professional manpower.

It said it also supports the efforts of forestry schools to come up with a more relevant curriculum that would produce quality foresters who would save the forests from total denudation for the benefit of future generations.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, October 8, 2006
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Two become one flesh

Yahweh God said, "It is not good for Man to be alone; I will give him a helper who will be like him." Then Yahweh God formed from the earth all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air and brought them to Man to see what he would call them; and whatever Man called every living creature, that was its name.

So Man gave names to all the cattle, the birds of the air and to every beast of the field. But he did not find among them a helper like himself. Then Yahweh God caused a deep sleep to come over Man and he fell asleep. He took one of his ribs and filled its place with flesh. The rib which Yahweh God had taken from Man he formed into a woman and brought her to the man. The man then said, "Now this is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman because she was taken from man." That is why man leaves his father and mother and is attached to his wife, and with her becomes one flesh.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Jesus' humanity

Jesus who suffered death and for a little while was placed lower than the angels has been crowned with honor and glory. For the merciful plan of God demanded that he experience death on behalf of everyone.

God, from whom all come and by whom all things exist, wanted to bring many children to glory, and he thought it fitting to make perfect through suffering the initiator of their salvation. So he who gives and those who receive holiness are one. He himself is not ashamed of calling us brothers and sisters.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 (or 10:2-12)

No divorce

Some Pharisees came and put him to the test with this question, "Is it right for a husband to divorce his wife?" He replied, "What law did Moses give you?" They answered, "Moses allowed us to write a certificate of dismissal in order to divorce."

Then Jesus said to them, "Moses wrote this law for you, because you are stubborn. But in the beginning of creation God made them male and female, and because of this, man has to leave father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one body. So they are no longer two but one body. Therefore let no one separate what God has joined."

When they were indoors at home, the disciples again asked him about this and he told them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against his wife, and the woman who divorces her husband and marries another also commits adultery."

People were bringing their little children to him to have him touch them, and the disciples rebuked them for this.

When Jesus noticed it, he was very angry and said, "Let the children come to me and don't stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he took the children in his arms and laying his hands on them, blessed them.

Commentary

We hear one of the stories of creation: Woman created because it was not good for man to be alone. We are all created for company, to assuage loneliness, to be one flesh, to be one human race. And marriage is the physical way the human race is recreated from generation to generation, in a relationship of shared encouragement (shared heart).

And we hear of Jesus—lowly as one of us, knowing life and death, the mercy of God and fullness of life—so that all of us might know the glory of being the children of God, the brothers and sisters of God. God's kin in Jesus is our larger; truer and deeper family, more than any blood tie or marriage as the world plans. God is intent that we all become faithful children in his kingdom, no matter what our choices of vocation. How faithful are we to God's kingdom and mercy?

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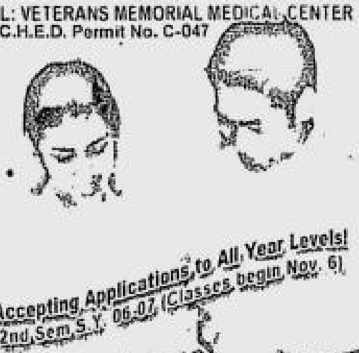

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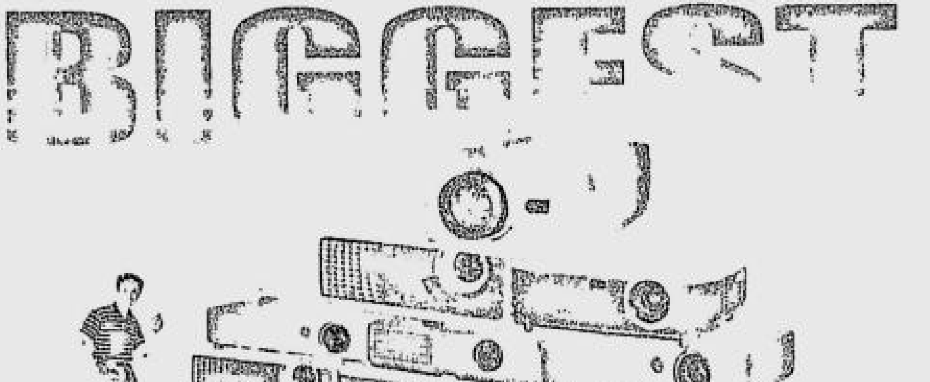

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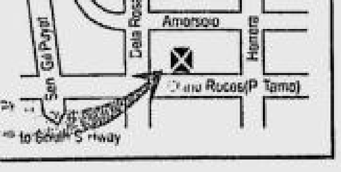

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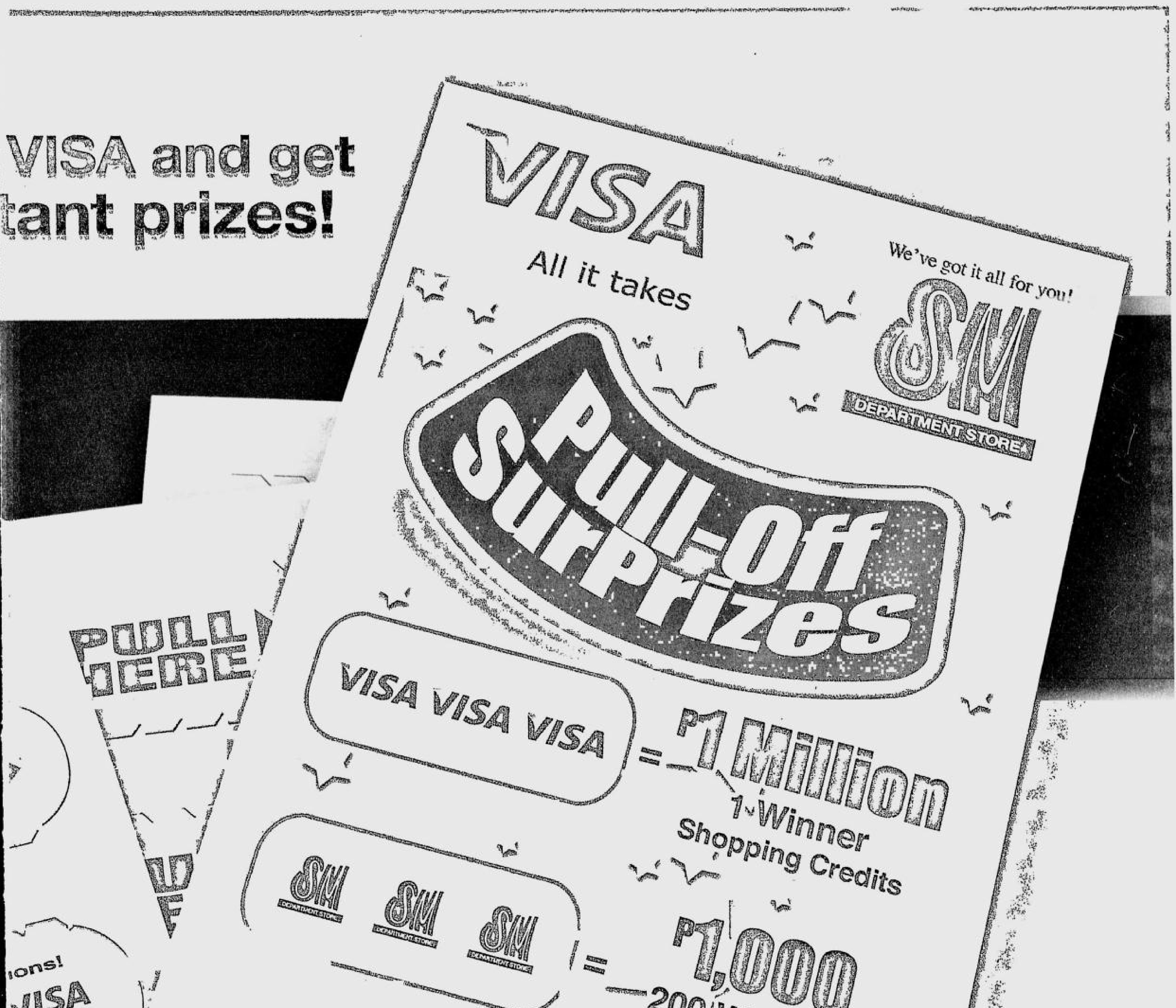
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EDITORIAL

ON SEPT. 27, ON THE SAME DAY THE OFFICE OF the Ombudsman resolved to dismiss criminal and administrative liabilities against all those involved in the anomalous Mega Pacific contract, the office also found probable cause to charge Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay and 10 others for "alleged irregular purchases of office partitions and furniture" worth P232 million.

To anyone but the most obtuse, the difference in the outcome of the two cases is easily explained: Binay is a leader of the opposition, and is therefore presumed guilty. Commission on Elections Chair Benjamin Abalos and other persons implicated in the Mega Pacific anomaly are identified with the administration, and—despite evidence of gross abuse of discretion that passes even the Supreme Court's own stringent standards—must therefore be found innocent.

Gutierrez apparently thinks the public would not notice the difference, or perhaps she has come to believe those Palace operators who, despite what they say about the importance of public opinion, act as though they really don't care.

(Are we being unfair, in characterizing the Ombudsman's Sept. 27 resolution on the Mega Pacific case as incorrigibly partisan? Hardly. Yesterday, more administration allies in Congress rushed to Gutierrez's defense, with some of them even gleefully declaring any attempt to impeach the Ombudsman is doomed. Because she had merit on her side? No. Because, they said, the administration has the numbers. Partisanship, again, trumps the majesty of the law.)

The case against Binay is familiar enough; suffice it to say that the Ombudsman found certain details in the biddings and awards for certain equipment "highly irregular," resulting in "undue injury to the government."

That summary, in less than 20 words, applies equally well to the Mega Pacific contract. The Supreme Court, having taken cognizance of the complaint because of the transcendent importance of the matter at hand, found serious irregularities in the bidding for and the awarding of a P1.3-billion contract for automated counting machines. And yet the Ombudsman, finally stirred to action by a dismayed Supreme Court, found no probable cause to hold anyone, no one at all, to account.

We know it requires an enormous act of dumbing-down to forget what one has learned in law school, and decide cases using extra-legal criteria. But does the Ombudsman think everyone else is dumb too?

We are disappointed to see Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio add his voice to the concert of script-readers. We heard him appeal to the public to read the Sept. 27 resolution first, before jumping to conclusions. Well, we've read the resolution, and we are decidedly underwhelmed. There is, essentially, nothing new in that resolution; the arguments the Ombudsman used have already been deployed by the Comelec, and routed by the high court.

The resolution, however, uses one of the oldest tricks in the book; the Ombudsman or her writers frame the issues in the case in the way most favorable to the outcome they desire. Hence, the ostensibly above-board and repeated reference to sub-paragraphs (e) and (g) of Section 3 of Republic Act 3019, the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

We quarrel with the Ombudsman's interpretation of the facts, as viewed from the prism of those two sub-paragraphs. She thinks the Mega Pacific contract is not "grossly and manifestly disadvantageous to the government." We think it is. She thinks no one at the Comelec exhibited "manifest partiality, evident bad faith or gross inexcusable negligence." We think she is merely playing dumb.

But—the question we really want to ask—why stop at sub-paragraphs (e) and (g)? If the Ombudsman had only deigned to look a little further, she would have found (she may have simply forgotten) the second part of sub-paragraph (l), which reads: "Interest for personal gain shall be presumed against those public officers responsible for the approval of manifestly unlawful, inequitable, or irregular transaction or acts by the board, panel or group to which they belong."

No one disputes that the Mega Pacific contract is already voided, because the Supreme Court has held again and again that it was an irregular transaction. Therefore, personal gain must be presumed. Sounds like the solid basis of a probable cause--unless, of course, we act like the Ombudsman and play dumb.

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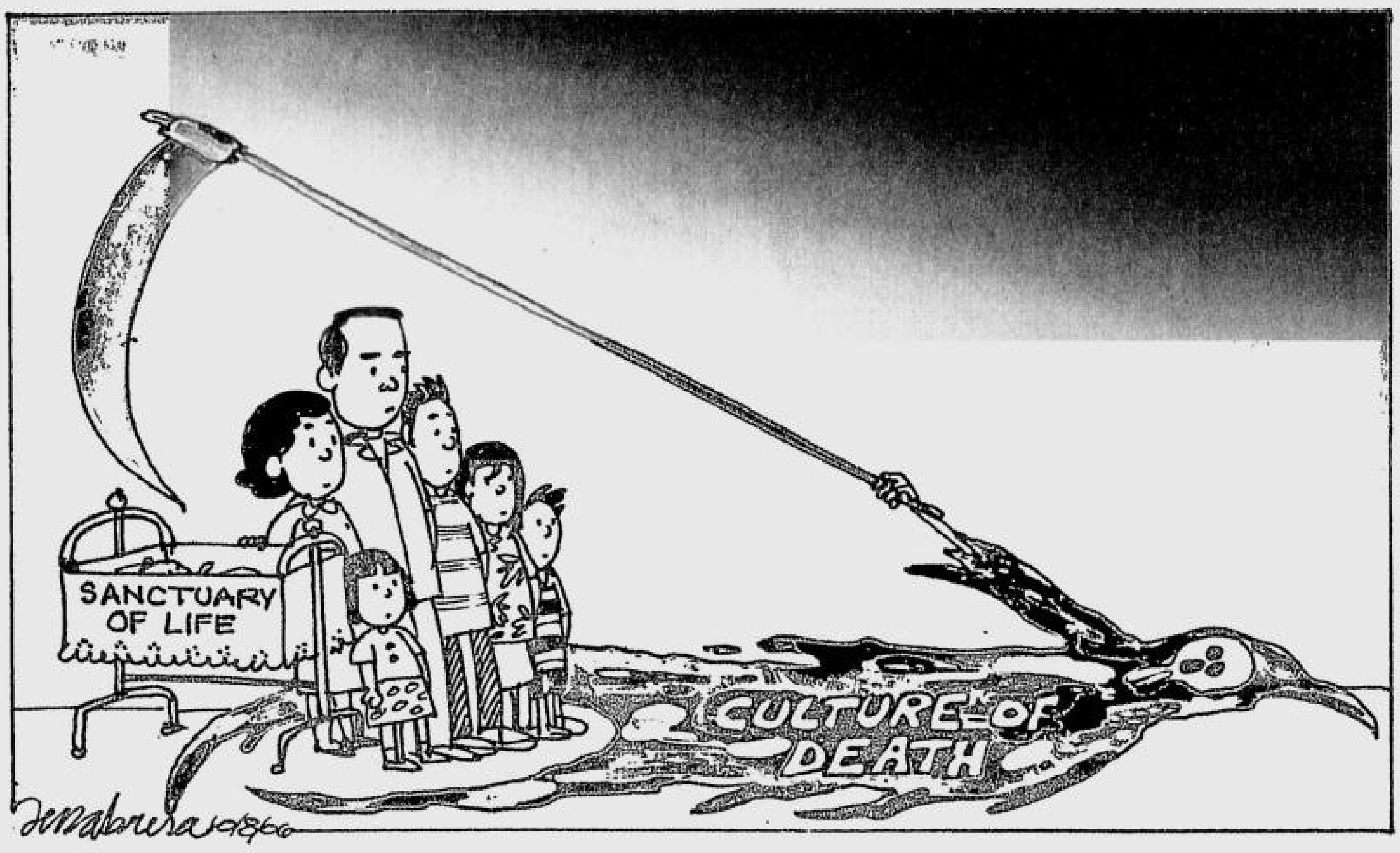

Fallback on Plan B

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

LISTENING TO THE ORAL ARGUMENTS ON the Cha-cha in the Supreme Court the other Tuesday, I could not help feeling sorry for the lead counsel, both cordial colleagues of mine, who looked like doomed derelicts in a sinking boat. I suppose they were performing the unfamiliar role of defending a cause they did not really believe in but were supporting just the same only out of a sense of duty they should not have accepted in the first place.

The principal petitioner was no better either. He probably thought the justices were born yesterday but was disabused soon enough with their searching questions that showed to his discomfiture that he was the best argument against his petition. Some justices on the high court are experienced cross-examiners, as many presumptuous lawyers even from top law firms have learned to their dismay. And that obscure Atty. Something was no exception.

The prestigious lawyers for the respondents, as formidable as their arguments were against the petition, were already superfluous even before they took the floor. The Cha-cha was already dead on the water when their turn to speak came. Even before the Supreme Court could invalidate the measure in a formal decision yet to be written, many in the audience that Tuesday felt that the opponents of the project had already administered it the coup de grâce.

The cabal led by President Macapagal-Arroyo and Speaker Jose de Venecia, who are desperate to change the present Constitution with a parliamentary system where they expect to remain in power, must have already read the writing on the wall and are now preparing to activate their Plan B. This is what they call the Con-Ass, which by its name alone proclaims its asininity.

Under its Art. XVII, Sec. 1, "any amendment to, or revision of, this Constitution may be proposed by: (1) the Congress, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its Members; or (2) a constitutional convention." The Senate is reluctant to support the first method because of the announced plan of the representatives to replace the bicameral Congress with a unicameral Parliament.

The objection of the Upper House does not bother the members of the Lower House. They say that if the Senate refuses to participate in the Con-Ass, they in the House of Representatives can do it alone. They argue that when the Constitution speaks of three-fourths of all the members of Congress, it means three-fourths of the 23 senators and 236 representatives taken together, or 259 legislators in all. Three-fourths of this number is 194 and they can all come solely from the House of Representatives to the exclusion of all the senators.

This argument is based on a well-known canon of legal hermeneutics calling for the literal interpretation of a law according to its natural and common understanding unless a technical meaning was intended. The Constitution, it is said, will indicate whether a voting by the two Houses of Congress shall be done jointly, as in revoking a declaration of martial law, or separately, as in the declaration of a state of war. Without such specification, as in Sec. 1 of Art. XVII, voting shall be considered as jointly.

The trouble is that the Constitutional Commission of 1986 simply copied the pertinent provisions in the 1973 Constitution which established a unicameral legislature that naturally could vote only jointly. They must have forgotten that the Congress they were reestablishing was bicameral, which made it necessary to indicate when they should vote jointly and when they should vote separately.

Resolution of the conflicting interpretations of the said provision should probably take into account the nature of the bicameral legislature where the two chambers should work together in pursuit of their common purpose. Except where the Constitution specifically says that they should vote either jointly or separately, they should be required to vote separately so that the will of either chamber may be heard.

There are functions exclusively vested in either of the two Houses of Congress because of their special aptitudes in performing them. To illustrate, the House of Representatives has the exclusive power to originate an appropriation bill or a bill of local application because of its superior familiarity with these matters. But only the Senate can concur with a treaty because of the supposed expertise on foreign affairs of its members, with some ridiculous exceptions.

Normally, however, the two Houses should work together but separately as befits their mutually independent character. Significantly, Art. VII, Sec. 19 of the Constitution says that the President shall "have the power to grant amnesty with the concurrence of a majority of all the Members of Congress," but without indicating how the voting shall be done. That vote is obtained not jointly but, by agreement of both Houses, separately from each other.

In Guevara v. Inocentes, 16 SCRA 379, the Senate adjourned its session *sine die* on Jan. 22, 1966 but the House of Representatives sought to continue its session until Jan. 24. The Supreme Court held that the Lower House could not continue meeting after the Senate had adjourned *sine die* because the House of Representatives without the Senate was not "Congress."

Believe like a child

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

A HUSBAND ASKED HIS WIFE: "HONEY, IS IT true that in heaven, we will no longer recognize each other and will not know each other?"

"I think so. That's why they call it heaven," was the wife's reply.

In today's Gospel (Mk. 10, 2-6), Jesus reminds us about the sanctity and permanence of marriage. "Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Why is Jesus so strong in this teaching?

Immediately after this statement, we read Jesus' concern for the children, and how He put His arms around them, laid His hands on them and gave them His blessings. Yes, it is the little ones who suffer and are affected forever when adults, because of the hardness of their hearts, take the road of divorce.

Pity the children. It is they who suffer when their parents become selfless and irresponsible. It's sad that some parents become the problem of their children. Some children never get the chance to enjoy their childhood, and never get to live normal lives because of the heavy baggage dumped on them by their so-called parents.

Husbands and wives, learn from the chopsticks: It is God who is holding both of you, so stay together; don't hold the chopstick too tight or too loose, so you too must hold each other just right; just one chopstick won't make it; the two sticks must be equal, so, you too must try to adjust and wait for each other in all aspects; one chopstick moves while the other is steady, so you too must learn to keep quiet when one is angry. Finally, don't chop each other, stick with each other, for God has brought you for a mission together.

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While most of us adults are so busy making a living or making a name, let us not miss out the little things on the little ones. Children need our time, our encouragement and our appreciation. Let us not belittle the little ones, or set them aside as if they don't count. They do count, and they remember the things we do or say. Please take time today to do little things for the little ones.

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What does a child believe in? I would like to share with you a song I made for Fatima Soriano, a 13-year-old blind girl who is an inspiration for her simple faith, joy and trust. Its title is "Believe, Like A Child":

I believe in miracles; I believe in "impossibles"; I believe in love and blessings from above; I believe in God; I believe God will provide; I believe He's at my side; I believe He knows my wishes and desires; yes I believe in God; I believe in letting go, and letting God; I believe in letting be and in letting God be God; I believe He has a plan; I believe His hidden hand; I believe He's doing everything He can; I believe things will be fine all in His time; I believe and trust He has a big surprise; yes, I believe I am His child.

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Let God be God! A lot of problems arise when cr[illegible] begin to think and act like God. As long as we recognize the presence of a being greater than ourselves, and as long as we are guided by a power above us, then there is hope. People who have power must never lose sight of the fact that they are responsible and are answerable to God, otherwise they could easily and comfortably fall to the temptation of abusing and misusing power. Warning: Stop playing God.

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More and more, I realize the futility and vanity of playing the game of control. The fact is, there are many things beyond our control. I pity those who are still very much into this losing game of control, especially those involved in cheating, lying, stealing and even killing, so that they continue to control. I repeat, it's a losing game. Please let go, and let God. Sooner or later, things will catch up with you.

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God answers prayers! Remember my column last week wherein I wrote about the possibility of having a book launching without a book due to power failure? I called up the publishers Saturday afternoon and just prayed with them that power be restored. I just peacefully surrendered it all to the Lord and to the Blessed Mother. Guess what? Soon after the call, power was restored, and the machines began to roll. By Sunday afternoon, the books were delivered, and we successfully launched our book "Candid Moments." All because we believed like a child, and held on to the power of prayer. Do you really believe that God answers prayers? Do you really trust like a child in God our Loving Father?

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Calling all SVD and XVD alumni of Christ the King Mission Seminary, Quezon City for a grand homecoming on Oct. 21, 2006 (Saturday). Activities start at 8 a.m. The theme for this year's reunion is "Re-live the Past, Renew Relationships, Build the Future." For inquiries, please call the XVD Association Office (410-4610, 721-7117) or contact Joseph Lallave 0917-8573458; Dante Magdangal 0920-9017308; Edwin Caluya 0916-3822296.

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"Be strong and of good courage; fear not, nor be afraid … for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth do with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." (Deuteronomy)

Let God be your pillar in these troubled times, text ON<space>PRAYER and send to 2948 for Globe/Sun 0r 3940 for Smart and receive daily prayers. God bless you. Mama Mary loves you!

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to believe and keep on believing like a child. Amen.

Ogata and Obama

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

LAST MONTH, COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERvices International (CFSI), a Philippine-based humanitarian organization, celebrated its 25th year of "rebuilding lives" in both domestic and international settings. Committed to peace and social development, with a particular interest in the psycho-social dimension, the program of CFSI is to rebuild the lives of refugees, the internally-displaced, disaster survivors and others in exceptionally difficult circumstances.

In 2000, CFSI chaired by Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan, with Dr. Steve Muncy as executive director, launched its Mindanao program in direct response to the war between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. Its projects focus on community development, promotion of food security, building schools and daycare centers for children, teacher training and the development of indigenous leadership. At present, CFSI is working with 7,000 families in 28 conflict-affected barangays in Central Mindanao, with Cotabato City as its base of operations.

To mark its silver anniversary, CFSI invited as its guest of honor, Mrs. Sadako Ogata, currently the president of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Recognized around the world as a leading figure in the humanitarian assistance and development arenas, Ogata is best known for her highly-distinguished service as UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) from 1991 to 2000, for which she received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for International Understanding in 1997. She also served as Japan's permanent representative to the UN from 1976 to 1979 and was chair of the executive board of the UN Children's Fund (Unicef) from 1978 to 1979.

In a 1992 interview with Henry Kressler, Ogata described how she became UN high commissioner: "I was professor of international relations until January of last year, and I was appointed and elected—the high commissioner is an office that is appointed by the secretary general but elected by the General Assembly. I had the honor of being elected by the General Assembly to be the 8th UN High Commissioner for Refugees. I started working in February 1991 not knowing that I would be facing the busiest time of the high commissioner's history, because refugee problems have expanded in many directions, not only in number but in complexity. I have approximately 17 million refugees under my mandate. They are not only individuals who were victims of persecution. Today, we see many instances of large-scale exodus of people. I never thought this was an office that could feel the change of the world so directly."

Prior to the dinner in her honor, the 79-year-old Mrs. Ogata had already visited JICA-supported projects in Mindanao and was preparing to leave for other places in South Asia as part of her continuing efforts in the field of humanitarian assistance around the world. Mrs. Ogata is an amazing woman of great strength and compassion, a truly international civil servant.

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A few days ago, while browsing through several programs on TV, a special report on CNN caught my attention. A young African-American with his wife was visiting Kenya, the birthplace of his father and he was being feted along the way to his parents' ancestral village, like a hero who had just returned home victorious and all-conquering.

Barack Obama is presently the junior Democratic senator from Illinois and this early, he is being touted as a possible vice presidential running mate to Sen. Hillary Clinton if she wins the Democratic presidential nomination in 2008. Other reports go so far as to mention him as possibly the first black US presidential candidate in the 21st century. By coincidence, my son in Illinois recently sent me a book "Dreams From My Father," an autobiographical work by Obama who traces his life as the son of a black African father from Kenya and a white American mother from Kansas who met while both were attending the University of Hawaii.

Barack—Swahili for "one who is blessed by God"—was 2 when his father left the family to return to Kenya to serve as an economist for the government. Barack's mother remarried an Indonesian when he was 6, and he spent four years in Jakarta.

Only once in his life—at the age of 10—was he visited by his biological father. Perhaps, this explains his deep attachment to his mother whom he describes as "the single constant in my life. In my daughters, I see her every day, her joy, her capacity for wonder. I won't try to describe how deeply I mourn her passing still. I know that she was (the) kindest, most generous spirit I have ever known and that what is best in me, I owe to her."

After graduating from Columbia University with a degree in political science, Obama enrolled at Harvard Law School where he finished magna cum laude. While there, he became the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review.

Obama's political career started in 1996 when he was elected to the Illinois state senate. In 2000, he lost in a bid for a congressional seat, but in 2004 he was overwhelmingly elected to the US Senate to become only the third African-American to sit in this body since the Reconstruction period after the US Civil War.

Obama, 45, considered one of the brightest young stars in the Democratic Party, became a national figure when he delivered the all-important keynote address at the Democratic presidential convention in Boston in 2004. We will be hearing more from this young man in the years ahead.

Hypocrisy is the issue

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

THE CYBER SEX SCANDAL THAT HAS LED TO the resignation of US Rep. Mark Foley is not about his sexuality (he has admitted to being gay) or even his sexual history (he has also publicly "confessed" to having been molested by a clergyman in his youth), but more about his hypocrisy.

Foley resigned after staffers of a TV news show told him that it was airing a story about sexually explicit e-mail messages he had sent a teenage congressional page. Pages serve in the House of Representatives as messengers and ushers and are nominated by their local congressional representatives, chosen from among the youths with a special interest in government and politics.

Once Foley's inappropriate messages were made public, other former pages—one of them as young as 16, and another who served as a page in 1997, long before House leaders thought Foley began propositioning the young men—came out with their own accounts of being approached by the Florida congressman.

The flak surrounding Foley has since spilled out to entrap the top echelon of the Republicans in the House, including Speaker Dennis Hastert who—while accepting responsibility for the way he and other party-mates had handled the issue saying "the buck stops here"—continues to enjoy the public support of President George W. Bush.

A former chief of staff of Foley's has told reporters that he had talked three years ago with top aides of the Speaker about the congressman's dealings with pages. This contradicts Hastert's assertion that he and his staff learned about Foley's e-mails to pages only last week, when the scandal broke out. It has also emerged that Rep. John Shimkus, also a Republican, who oversees the page program, had already "admonished" Foley about his continued contact with the page, but did nothing else to ensure that the unseemly relations ended, or to investigate whether other pages were involved.

"Could we have done it better? Could the page board have handled it better? In retrospect, probably yes," Hastert said. "But at the time, what we knew and what we acted upon was what we had."

Added Hastert: "I don't know who knew what when .... If it's members of my staff that didn't do the job, we will act appropriately."

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LENDING a touch of sleaze to this cyber sex scandal is that Foley, described by friends and allies as gregarious, if a little star-struck, made his first impact in Florida politics as a defender of child rights, making a name as a champion of children and a defender against pedophiles and other sexual predators.

Which is not to say that as a gay man, he had no right to champion children's causes. Despite the cliché, not all gay men target boys as objects of sexual desire, and not all pedophiles are necessarily gay.

An article in the New York Times noted that for over 12 years in Congress, Foley "became extraordinarily adept at projecting a magnetic public persona—helped along by loyal aides and a sister he breezily called his surrogate wife—while conducting a private life fraught with more secrets than anyone imagined."

Friends now say that they had known about Foley's being gay but did not discuss it with him. But his confessions about his being an alcoholic and being molested by a priest when he was a teenager, "left friends even more stunned, and skeptical," the Times reported.

His friends and supporters also say they understand why Foley would keep his sexual preferences a secret, or at least as low-key as it could be, given the conservatism of his Catholic parents and of the political circles he moved in. But now the former congressman's associates question his claims of molestation, saying that even if it were true, "it sounded too much like excuse-making." And while Foley's lawyers claim their client was an alcoholic who sent those e-mail messages while drunk, his friends in Florida say they rarely saw him holding a drink.

"'It sounds more like the advice of a topnotch criminal defense lawyer,' said Rodney Romano, a former mayor of Lake Worth, the scrappy town where Foley grew up," the Times reported.

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THE PICTURE that emerges from Foley's efforts to survive as a conservative Republican with a special interest in children's causes, while trying to live with his sexual choices, is of a deeply conflicted man who, because he had gotten away with it for so long, pushed the envelope of appropriate behavior to its utmost.

In Florida, friends say he had a longtime companion, a dermatologist based in Palm Beach, and was even seen with him publicly. But he never discussed this aspect of his life with friends or family. And there are those who believe that "a long time ago … Foley had an unspoken contract with the Republican Party to keep it quiet."

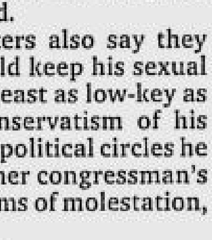
"I think they were willing to overlook it as long as he stayed in the closet," said a friend. "I don't know how he behaved in Washington, but down here the topic was always public issues and not personal lives."

Of course, the sexually explicit e-mail messages, which have yet to be made public, would not have been "right" given the "moral ascendancy" Foley enjoyed over the teenage boys, and even if he had "outed" himself as a gay congressman.

But one wonders if the former Florida lawmaker would have been driven to such underhanded behavior if he hadn't felt forced to conceal a vital, essential part of his person, and allowed to get away with inappropriate behavior for so long.

Sure, everyone makes mistakes. But Republicans have made no bones about feasting on the mistakes of everyone else—including a sitting President—and their behavior with regard to Foley taints them with hypocrisy as well.

Institutions



PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

INSTITUTIONS ARE CLUSTERS OF FORMAL rules and informal norms that draw their power from the shared values and moral instincts of a people. These are the tools by which a society conducts its life. Institutions shape our individual choices, acting as a brake on impulsive and selfish behavior. They are strong or weak, adequate or inadequate to the complex requirements of modern living.

It used to be thought that all that was needed for the less-developed countries to grow and to be competitive was an infusion of capital and technology. Thus, emphasis was put on building the infrastructure and dismantling existing barriers to the free flow of investments and knowledge. The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund were the main purveyors of this development ideology. The outcomes of this experiment were not very encouraging, says policy analyst Francis Fukuyama in his new book, "America at the Crossroads." So much external funding went into the pockets of politicians, many of them leaders of US-sponsored authoritarian regimes.

The disillusionment, Fukuyama argues, paved the way for the shift in emphasis to markets and global integration. "Economic planning fell out of favor both in the developed and the less-developed world and was replaced by a strong emphasis on free markets and global economic integration." But in the late 1990s, the neo-liberal belief in the miracles of global integration came face to face with the realities of institutional failure. "There are too many examples of countries with otherwise good prospects whose development was undermined by rapacious leaders, ethnic conflict, internal or external war, or other purely political factors."

But, Fukuyama asks almost plaintively, how does one create modern institutions where they do not exist, or strengthen them where they are weak? He concedes that this is not mainly a technocratic problem, but a political one. He cites poor fiscal management as an example. Often, he says, the reason is not the absence of any framework to monitor budgets. "More often the problem comes from politicians who want to use public money to maintain patronage networks that are critical to their political survival. Asking them to be fiscally responsible may be tantamount to asking them to commit political suicide …. In the absence of internal political demand for reform, it may never be possible to get the institutions right."

A case in point is our own pork barrel system which effectively entrenches patronage as a basic component of the political system. Congress already exercises the general power to shape the annual budget through tedious budget hearings and deliberations. To go beyond this by allocating a so-called "countrywide development fund" to every legislator, who is then given the prerogative to designate the specific projects on which the fund is to be spent, goes against every norm of rational planning. These are public funds. The law says that their use must be based on public policies and priorities rather than on the personal preferences of politicians. And yet we don't hear loud protests against pork barrel.

Apart from its corrupting effects, the pork barrel makes our lawmakers virtual captives of the executive who controls budget releases. This power of the executive grows even more every time Congress fails to enact a new budget. Because of the enormous leeway it gives to the President, a re-enacted budget becomes nothing more than a huge pork barrel.

No other President, except maybe Marcos, has mastered the science of patronage better than Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. She knows how to juggle items in the budget, where to draw the funds, when and how to channel them into the patronage network. And no President has preyed upon the weaknesses of our system in the name of political survival as much as Ms Arroyo. A study of executive behavior during the last two impeachment proceedings would yield valuable insights into the vulnerabilities not only of our fiscal management procedures but, indeed, of the whole political system.

It is not as if political modernity were new to us. We have all the requisite institutions that would allow us to function as a modern state. The problem is that they cannot properly function because of the persistent pressure to which they are subjected by the decadent political system. Unless the political system itself is reformed, the pressure emanating today from the intensification of political conflict will crush every standing institution in our society. Yesterday, it was the Commission on Elections and the Armed Forces. Today it is the Ombudsman and the Professional Regulation Commission. Tomorrow it could be the Supreme Court, the Foreign Service and the whole civil service.

The problem is ultimately political, and so the solution must be sought in the realm of the political. I do not think that reform will come spontaneously. It will have to be demanded on a sustained basis by an awakened public that has seen how its fundamental interests are daily being harmed by existing political practice. Given the prevailing mood of cynicism, it is unrealistic to imagine that a nationwide reform movement can arise overnight. I think it may gradually emerge from the focused work of various citizens' groups which are critical of the present system. But for such a movement to endure, it will have to seize the imagination of the poor, who stand to gain the most from the demise of the obsolete and rapacious system that has hobbled the Filipino nation from the start.

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Growing pains

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista

THERE WAS ONE SUNDAY, ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO—A hot, humid Sunday where the concrete blacktop glowed, and there was only the occasional car cruising down the highway. My brother was driving, and my mother was calling out from the backseat for him to slow down. I was twelve-going-on-thirteen then, blissful at the thought of finally being old enough to displace my father from the passenger seat. It was a special day; I don't remember why. We were coasting off to eat at a Japanese restaurant, the same tiny restaurant where my dad taught me how to use chopsticks by putting a wad of tissue paper between the two sticks and securing the whole business with an elastic band from my hair.

Now I remember images—my iced-tea shake being delivered by a tall waiter, the shiny silver barrel of the gun that one of them aimed at the waiter, the white tile floor of the 3-by-5-foot bathroom where we were shoved into, along with two shirtless cooks, three waiters and a pair of hysterical Chinese women.

I remember sounds—the bathroom door swinging open, the stuttered demand for cash and jewelry, my father begging to keep his wedding ring. I remember the smell of sweat and cooking oil and stale air-freshener. What I don't remember is being afraid.

Back then, stuffed between the cook's beer belly and the toilet, I knew nothing bad was going to happen, because we were the good guys. I believed, if not in Superman, then in the principle behind the man. I believed that the knight always slayed the dragon, and that the Wicked Witch of the West got her just desserts. The man with the silver gun was the bad guy, and by virtue of that, we were bound to win. I was playing out the scene in my head, half-expecting sirens to blare, or my father to smash the gun against the gunman's crotch. Neither happened, and we eventually crawled out of the bathroom and got a free meal—although by then my iced-tea shake had melted. Eventually, the robbers were caught, and the good guys won in the end.

My friend Nicole wrote me a letter on my 21st birthday, and congratulated me for my discovery of the difference between "growing old" and "growing up." That was more than a month ago. I already thought I was grown-up, laboring under the assumption that being grown-up meant better shoes, a general mistrust of humanity, an independence of self and an acceptance that bad guys usually get away with being bad. It was only a couple of days ago that I realized what the implications of "grown-up" was, and it took a 16-year-old kid with quiet eyes to teach me.

I teach creative non-fiction at a private all-girls Catholic school. I took the job because I needed the income, and it's a sign that I'm-not-quite-grown-up, and I'm admitting that here. Teachers, after all, are supposed to teach for love and with a sense of mission. As I'm holding down five jobs and cannot understand why I'm constantly broke, I have no room for the nicety of pretending money does not matter. I like checks, I like getting paid, and I like standing in the middle of a grocery store aisle and deciding to buy both shampoo and the conditioner instead of just the shampoo. So I go to class and play Miss Teacher, squirming under a dress code that excludes 90 percent of the clothes in my closet and hope, even if I don't do anyone any good, that at least I won't be doing much harm.

A few days ago, I was sitting in the back of a cab after class, roasting in the afternoon traffic where the air was blurry from the heat, and the elephant who sat on my head threatened to crush my skull. I was reading someone's essay, just homework I asked them to do about their mothers and what they might have been like at 15 or 16 years old. That's when I saw it, leaping off the page, sentences and insights and a raw talent that made me catch my breath.

And I was afraid, because this girl's talent was my responsibility, and I didn't know if I could do it justice. I was a writer who couldn't write fiction or poetry, and whose literary grasp amounted to an extensive understanding of paperback romances. By that time, I was teaching because of more than just paychecks. I had students who could write, and write well, but this one girl was exceptional. I knew that I was out of my depth. It's an uncomfortable feeling, something, as Joan Didion said, like being confronted by a vampire and realizing you haven't got a crucifix.

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Ogata and Obama

REVEILLE

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LAST MONTH, COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERvices International (CFSI), a Philippine-based humanitarian organization, celebrated its 25th year of "rebuilding lives" in both domestic and international settings. Committed to peace and social development, with a particular interest in the psycho-social dimension, the program of CFSI is to rebuild the lives of refugees, the internally-displaced, disaster survivors and others in exceptionally difficult circumstances.

In 2000, CFSI chaired by Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan, with Dr. Steve Muncy as executive director, launched its Mindanao program in direct response to the war between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. Its projects focus on community development, promotion of food security, building schools and daycare centers for children, teacher training and the development of indigenous leadership. At present, CFSI is working with 7,000 families in 28 conflict-affected barangays in Central Mindanao, with Cotabato City as its base of operations.

To mark its silver anniversary, CFSI invited as its guest of honor, Mrs. Sadako Ogata, currently the president of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Recognized around the world as a leading figure in the humanitarian assistance and development arenas, Ogata is best known for her highly-distinguished service as UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) from 1991 to 2000, for which she received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for International Understanding in 1997. She also served as Japan's permanent representative to the UN from 1976 to 1979 and was chair of the executive board of the UN Children's Fund (Unicef) from 1978 to 1979.

In a 1992 interview with Henry Kressler, Ogata described how she became UN high commissioner: "I was professor of international relations until January of last year, and I was appointed and elected—the high commissioner is an office that is appointed by the secretary general but elected by the General Assembly. I had the honor of being elected by the General Assembly to be the 8th UN High Commissioner for Refugees. I started working in February 1991 not knowing that I would be facing the busiest time of the high commissioner's history, because refugee problems have expanded in many directions, not only in number but in complexity. I have approximately 17 million refugees under my mandate. They are not only individuals who were victims of persecution. Today, we see many instances of large-scale exodus of people. I never thought this was an office that could feel the change of the world so directly."

Prior to the dinner in her honor, the 79-year-old Mrs. Ogata had already visited JICA-supported projects in Mindanao and was preparing to leave for other places in South Asia as part of her continuing efforts in the field of humanitarian assistance around the world. Mrs. Ogata is an amazing woman of great strength and compassion, a truly international civil servant.

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A few days ago, while browsing through several programs on TV, a special report on CNN caught my attention. A young African-American with his wife was visiting Kenya, the birthplace of his father and he was being feted along the way to his parents' ancestral village, like a hero who had just returned home victorious and all-conquering.

Barack Obama is presently the junior Democratic senator from Illinois and this early, he is being touted as a possible vice presidential running mate to Sen. Hillary Clinton if she wins the Democratic presidential nomination in 2008. Other reports go so far as to mention him as possibly the first black US presidential candidate in the 21st century. By coincidence, my son in Illinois recently sent me a book "Dreams From My Father," an autobiographical work by Obama who traces his life as the son of a black African father from Kenya and a white American mother from Kansas who met while both were attending the University of Hawaii.

Barack—Swahili for "one who is blessed by God"—was 2 when his father left the family to return to Kenya to serve as an economist for the government. Barack's mother remarried an Indonesian when he was 6, and he spent four years in Jakarta.

Only once in his life—at the age of 10—was he visited by his biological father. Perhaps, this explains his deep attachment to his mother whom he describes as "the single constant in my life. In my daughters, I see her every day, her joy, her capacity for wonder. I won't try to describe how deeply I mourn her passing still. I know that she was (the) kindest, most generous spirit I have ever known and that what is best in me, I owe to her."

After graduating from Columbia University with a degree in political science, Obama enrolled at Harvard Law School where he finished magna cum laude. While there, he became the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review.

Obama's political career started in 1996 when he was elected to the Illinois state senate. In 2000, he lost in a bid for a congressional seat, but in 2004 he was overwhelmingly elected to the US Senate to become only the third African-American to sit in this body since the Reconstruction period after the US Civil War.

Obama, 45, considered one of the brightest young stars in the Democratic Party, became a national figure when he delivered the all-important keynote address at the Democratic presidential convention in Boston in 2004. We will be hearing more from this young man in the years ahead.

Hypocrisy is the issue

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

THE CYBER SEX SCANDAL THAT HAS LED TO the resignation of US Rep. Mark Foley is not about his sexuality (he has admitted to being gay) or even his sexual history (he has also publicly "confessed" to having been molested by a clergyman in his youth), but more about his hypocrisy.

Foley resigned after staffers of a TV news show told him that it was airing a story about sexually explicit e-mail messages he had sent a teenage congressional page. Pages serve in the House of Representatives as messengers and ushers and are nominated by their local congressional representatives, chosen from among the youths with a special interest in government and politics.

Once Foley's inappropriate messages were made public, other former pages—one of them as young as 16, and another who served as a page in 1997, long before House leaders thought Foley began propositioning the young men—came out with their own accounts of being approached by the Florida congressman.

The flak surrounding Foley has since spilled out to entrap the top echelon of the Republicans in the House, including Speaker Dennis Hastert who—while accepting responsibility for the way he and other party-mates had handled the issue saying "the buck stops here"—continues to enjoy the public support of President George W. Bush.

A former chief of staff of Foley's has told reporters that he had talked three years ago with top aides of the Speaker about the congressman's dealings with pages. This contradicts Hastert's assertion that he and his staff learned about Foley's e-mails to pages only last week, when the scandal broke out. It has also emerged that Rep. John Shimkus, also a Republican, who oversees the page program, had already "admonished" Foley about his continued contact with the page, but did nothing else to ensure that the unseemly relations ended, or to investigate whether other pages were involved.

"Could we have done it better? Could the page board have handled it better? In retrospect, probably yes," Hastert said. "But at the time, what we knew and what we acted upon was what we had."

Added Hastert: "I don't know who knew what when .... If it's members of my staff that didn't do the job, we will act appropriately."

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LENDING a touch of sleaze to this cyber sex scandal is that Foley, described by friends and allies as gregarious, if a little star-struck, made his first impact in Florida politics as a defender of child rights, making a name as a champion of children and a defender against pedophiles and other sexual predators.

Which is not to say that as a gay man, he had no right to champion children's causes. Despite the cliché, not all gay men target boys as objects of sexual desire, and not all pedophiles are necessarily gay.

An article in the New York Times noted that for over 12 years in Congress, Foley "became extraordinarily adept at projecting a magnetic public persona—helped along by loyal aides and a sister he breezily called his surrogate wife—while conducting a private life fraught with more secrets than anyone imagined."

Friends now say that they had known about Foley's being gay but did not discuss it with him. But his confessions about his being an alcoholic and being molested by a priest when he was a teenager, "left friends even more stunned, and skeptical," the Times reported.

His friends and supporters also say they understand why Foley would keep his sexual preferences a secret, or at least as low-key as it could be, given the conservatism of his Catholic parents and of the political circles he moved in. But now the former congressman's associates question his claims of molestation, saying that even if it were true, "it sounded too much like excuse-making." And while Foley's lawyers claim their client was an alcoholic who sent those e-mail messages while drunk, his friends in Florida say they rarely saw him holding a drink.

"'It sounds more like the advice of a topnotch criminal defense lawyer,' said Rodney Romano, a former mayor of Lake Worth, the scrappy town where Foley grew up," the Times reported.

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THE PICTURE that emerges from Foley's efforts to survive as a conservative Republican with a special interest in children's causes, while trying to live with his sexual choices, is of a deeply conflicted man who, because he had gotten away with it for so long, pushed the envelope of appropriate behavior to its utmost.

In Florida, friends say he had a longtime companion, a dermatologist based in Palm Beach, and was even seen with him publicly. But he never discussed this aspect of his life with friends or family. And there are those who believe that "a long time ago ... Foley had an unspoken contract with the Republican Party to keep it quiet."

"I think they were willing to overlook it as long as he stayed in the closet," said a friend. "I don't know how he behaved in Washington, but down here the topic was always public issues and not personal lives."

Of course, the sexually explicit e-mail messages, which have yet to be made public, would not have been "right" given the "moral ascendancy" Foley enjoyed over the teenage boys, and even if he had "outed" himself as a gay congressman.

But one wonders if the former Florida lawmaker would have been driven to such underhanded behavior if he hadn't felt forced to conceal a vital, essential part of his person, and allowed to get away with inappropriate behavior for so long.

Sure, everyone makes mistakes. But Republicans have made no bones about feasting on the mistakes of everyone else—including a sitting President—and their behavior with regard to Foley taints them with hypocrisy as well.

Institutions

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

INSTITUTIONS ARE CLUSTERS OF FORMAL rules and informal norms that draw their power from the shared values and moral instincts of a people. These are the tools by which a society conducts its life. Institutions shape our individual choices, acting as a brake on impulsive and selfish behavior. They are strong or weak, adequate or inadequate to the complex requirements of modern living.

It used to be thought that all that was needed for the less-developed countries to grow and to be competitive was an infusion of capital and technology. Thus, emphasis was put on building the infrastructure and dismantling existing barriers to the free flow of investments and knowledge. The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund were the main purveyors of this development ideology. The outcomes of this experiment were not very encouraging, says policy analyst Francis Fukuyama in his new book, "America at the Crossroads." So much external funding went into the pockets of politicians, many of them leaders of US-sponsored authoritarian regimes.

The disillusionment, Fukuyama argues, paved the way for the shift in emphasis to markets and global integration. "Economic planning fell out of favor both in the developed and the less-developed world and was replaced by a strong emphasis on free markets and global economic integration." But in the late 1990s, the neo-liberal belief in the miracles of global integration came face to face with the realities of institutional failure. "There are too many examples of countries with otherwise good prospects whose development was undermined by rapacious leaders, ethnic conflict, internal or external war, or other purely political factors."

But, Fukuyama asks almost plaintively, how does one create modern institutions where they do not exist, or strengthen them where they are weak? He concedes that this is not mainly a technocratic problem, but a political one. He cites poor fiscal management as an example. Often, he says, the reason is not the absence of any framework to monitor budgets. "More often the problem comes from politicians who want to use public money to maintain patronage networks that are critical to their political survival. Asking them to be fiscally responsible may be tantamount to asking them to commit political suicide .... In the absence of internal political demand for reform, it may never be possible to get the institutions right."

A case in point is our own pork barrel system which effectively entrenches patronage as a basic component of the political system. Congress already exercises the general power to shape the annual budget through tedious budget hearings and deliberations. To go beyond this by allocating a so-called "countrywide development fund" to every legislator, who is then given the prerogative to designate the specific projects on which the fund is to be spent, goes against every norm of rational planning. These are public funds. The law says that their use must be based on public policies and priorities rather than on the personal preferences of politicians. And yet we don't hear loud protests against pork barrel.

Apart from its corrupting effects, the pork barrel makes our lawmakers virtual captives of the executive who controls budget releases. This power of the executive grows even more every time Congress fails to enact a new budget. Because of the enormous leeway it gives to the President, a re-enacted budget becomes nothing more than a huge pork barrel.

No other President, except maybe Marcos, has mastered the science of patronage better than Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. She knows how to juggle items in the budget, where to draw the funds, when and how to channel them into the patronage network. And no President has preyed upon the weaknesses of our system in the name of political survival as much as Ms Arroyo. A study of executive behavior during the last two impeachment proceedings would yield valuable insights into the vulnerabilities not only of our fiscal management procedures but, indeed, of the whole political system.

It is not as if political modernity were new to us. We have all the requisite institutions that would allow us to function as a modern state. The problem is that they cannot properly function because of the persistent pressure to which they are subjected by the decadent political system. Unless the political system itself is reformed, the pressure emanating today from the intensification of political conflict will crush every standing institution in our society. Yesterday, it was the Commission on Elections and the Armed Forces. Today it is the Ombudsman and the Professional Regulation Commission. Tomorrow it could be the Supreme Court, the Foreign Service and the whole civil service.

The problem is ultimately political, and so the solution must be sought in the realm of the political. I do not think that reform will come spontaneously. It will have to be demanded on a sustained basis by an awakened public that has seen how its fundamental interests are daily being harmed by existing political practice. Given the prevailing mood of cynicism, it is unrealistic to imagine that a nationwide reform movement can arise overnight. I think it may gradually emerge from the focused work of various citizens' groups which are critical of the present system. But for such a movement to endure, it will have to seize the imagination of the poor, who stand to gain the most from the demise of the obsolete and rapacious system that has hobbled the Filipino nation from the start.

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Growing pains

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista

THERE WAS ONE SUNDAY, ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO—A hot, humid Sunday where the concrete blacktop glowed, and there was only the occasional car cruising down the highway. My brother was driving, and my mother was calling out from the backseat for him to slow down. I was twelve-going-on-thirteen then, blissful at the thought of finally being old enough to displace my father from the passenger seat. It was a special day; I don't remember why. We were coasting off to eat at a Japanese restaurant, the same tiny restaurant where my dad taught me how to use chopsticks by putting a wad of tissue paper between the two sticks and securing the whole business with an elastic band from my hair.

Now I remember images—my iced-tea shake being delivered by a tall waiter, the shiny silver barrel of the gun that one of them aimed at the waiter, the white tile floor of the 3-by-5-foot bathroom where we were shoved into, along with two shirtless cooks, three waiters and a pair of hysterical Chinese women.

I remember sounds—the bathroom door swinging open, the stuttered demand for cash and jewelry, my father begging to keep his wedding ring. I remember the smell of sweat and cooking oil and stale air-freshener. What I don't remember is being afraid.

Back then, stuffed between the cook's beer belly and the toilet, I knew nothing bad was going to happen, because we were the good guys. I believed, if not in Superman, then in the principle behind the man. I believed that the knight always slayed the dragon, and that the Wicked Witch of the West got her just desserts. The man with the silver gun was the bad guy, and by virtue of that, we were bound to win. I was playing out the scene in my head, half-expecting sirens to blare, or my father to smash the gun against the gunman's crotch. Neither happened, and we eventually crawled out of the bathroom and got a free meal—although by then my iced-tea shake had melted. Eventually, the robbers were caught, and the good guys won in the end.

My friend Nicole wrote me a letter on my 21st birthday, and congratulated me for my discovery of the difference between "growing old" and "growing up." That was more than a month ago. I already thought I was grown-up, laboring under the assumption that being grown-up meant better shoes, a general mistrust of humanity, an independence of self and an acceptance that bad guys usually get away with being bad. It was only a couple of days ago that I realized what the implications of "grown-up" was, and it took a 16-year-old kid with quiet eyes to teach me.

I teach creative non-fiction at a private all-girls' Catholic school. I took the job because I needed the income, and it's a sign that I'm-not-quite-grown-up, and I'm admitting that here. Teachers, after all, are supposed to teach for love and with a sense of mission. As I'm holding down five jobs and cannot understand why I'm constantly broke, I have no room for the nicety of pretending money does not matter. I like checks, I like getting paid, and I like standing in the middle of a grocery store aisle and deciding to buy both shampoo and the conditioner instead of just the shampoo. So I go to class and play Miss Teacher, squirming under a dress code that excludes 90 percent of the clothes in my closet and hope, even if I don't do anyone any good, that at least I won't be doing much harm.

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Accurate weather forecast elusive

THE PHILIPPINE ATMOSPHERIC GEOPHYSICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL SERVICES Administration made a forecast that Typhoon Milenyo would be crossing Camarines Sur and Camarines Norte on the morning of Sept. 28. By afternoon, the typhoon would be 110 km east of Metro Manila, according to Pagasa.

The forecast did not correspond with what actually happened. Milenyo hit Metro Manila before lunch on Sept. 28, with its eye crossing the southern part of the metropolis. By 2 p.m. the typhoon had passed Metro Manila, leaving a trail of death and destruction.

It was the first typhoon to directly hit Metro Manila in 11 years. Had Pagasa warned the public that the typhoon would hit Metro Manila directly, people would have taken extra precautions.

Despite what happened, Pagasa said its forecast was not wrong. Most people may not agree with Pagasa's claim. A little forthrightness could help the weather agency gain the trust of the public.

Pagasa, nevertheless, acknowledged that Milenyo's intensity and direction were abnormal for a cyclone that had hit land mass before striking Metro Manila. The agency said it wanted to know what factors affected the typhoon's unusual movement.

Forecasting is still an inexact science. Despite advances in technology, the perfect forecast is elusive.

By Genio Dominic B. Alojado

I HAVE BEEN DISTURBED BY reports about flaws in the forecasts made by the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa). I, too, have noted some of Pagasa's flaws since I started tracking typhoons as a hobby and as part of my volunteer work. Imagine, death and destruction could be minimized if not prevented if Pagasa comes up with accurate forecasts. Believe me, if you conduct a survey now whether Filipinos still trust Pagasa with its forecasts, there would be a high rate of mistrust. They would prefer listening to TV weathermen or surfing the Internet for the latest typhoon bulletins. Those who don't have access to technology would just have to content themselves with the boring and highly technical weather bulletins of Pagasa and prepare for the worst.

I would like to cite some of Pagasa's forecasts that resulted in public dismay and anger.

TYPHOON KATRING (Teresa), Oct. 14-27, 1994

This storm reached typhoon intensity at about 8 p.m. on Oct. 19 in the Philippine Sea and went west to west-southwest toward Polillio Island. At about 8 a.m. on Oct. 21, Katring made landfall just south of Infanta, Quezon with winds of up to 135-150 kph. As it moved toward Metro Manila, Katring's winds slowly weakened, but remained at typhoon intensity of 120 kph.

By this time, I was wondering why Pagasa lowered Metro Manila's storm signal No. 3 when the typhoon was directly lashing the metropolis. Luckily, because there was no electricity, nobody heard that the signal was lowered. But it was terrible. Imagine if everybody lowered their guards because of Pagasa's move.

TYPHOON PEPANG (Zack), Oct. 26-30, 1995

Pepang was a full-blown typhoon as it hit Leyte at around lunch time of Oct. 28 with winds of 150 kph. At about 2 p.m. it was hovering over the Camotes Island and Pagasa made a forecast that Pepang would move west-northwest to northwest crossing the tip of Northern Cebu and hitting Roxas City in Capiz by early evening of the same day. I was on duty at that time in our radio room. We were not feeling good about Pepang but because we trusted Pagasa's forecast, we were quite relaxed with our work plotting the typhoon's path.

At about 3 p.m. storm signal No. 3 was raised over the entire island of Negros. Everybody was quite surprised by the turn of events because it was forecast to hit Capiz but rain was already pouring heavily. We asked Pagasa if there had been changes in Pepang's direction but it said the typhoon was headed for Capiz and only Northern Negros would be affected. With that assurance I left the tracking of the typhoon to my colleagues as I went home by 6 p.m. for supper.

Rain was really heavy and came in "bands" that dusk. The wind was quite gusty but not worrisome enough. If the typhoon headed for Capiz, we would be feeling its effects in a while. While doing the dishes at about 7 p.m. the winds started picking up from a wheezing gust to a monstrous howl. We were surprised and worried, but because the radio said that Pagasa had assured it that the typhoon would hit Roxas City, we thought it was one of those gusts that would soon pass.

Coupled with bright flashes of lightning, the winds howled continuously and roared like a jet engine. Just minutes before the lights went out, the Philippine Coast Guard of Bacolod City was shouting angrily on air that its barometer was rapidly dropping because the typhoon was headed for Northern Negros and not Capiz. Then the power supply was cut. It was really turning bad. I went out the kitchen door to see what was happening outside because the winds were whistling and the rain was pounding our roof.

What I saw outside shocked me. Through the flashes of lightning, I saw our narra and coconut trees swaying violently and their branches twisting as if the winds around them were rotating and sucking them up. There was banging and crashing of GI sheets and our ceiling rumbled continuously. My father and I saw that the roof of our small bodega was beginning to tear off, so we quickly got ropes and tied them to the bottom of the roof. Suddenly, the violent winds tore off the whole roof. Fortunately, I let go of the roof and held my father down and told him to let go of the ropes.

The people in the house were huddled in our living room, frightened. My aunt and my cousins then moved to our house when winds tore off the roof of theirs. They were all soaking wet. We tried to remove all beddings from our rooms and opened our windows because the glass and jalousies were already about to explode.

I can't clearly remember how the winds changed direction that night. I think they first blew from the northwest for a few minutes (because the roof at the western part of our house first buckled when the winds started). Because my room and the master bedroom were wet and littered with debris I assumed the whole time the winds came from the southwest to south (the windows of most of our rooms faced south).

At about past 10 p.m. the winds started to die down but the rain still fell steadily. It was over and everything was quiet. We all slept in the living room and the spare bed that we placed near our dining area. By the next morning, I saw the whole place in shambles.

I went up our water tank and saw a clear diagonal line of roofless houses including our bodega. The leaves of trees adjacent and parallel to the "diagonal area" had been shredded and their branches stripped. I suspected a spin-up vortex had passed by our place.

That day I checked our "plotters" in the radio room. We found that the typhoon spared Capiz but took a westerly course and hit Northern Negros' Sagay City. It exited between Victorias City and E.B. Magalona before proceeding to Iloilo province.

A deluge of water and mud killed many people in Bacolod City alone, making it the worst flooding in the city's history since Typhoon Amy in 1951. Old people said Pepang was not as violent as Ruping (Mike) in 1990 but it was similar to Amy whose winds ravaged Bacolod and a storm surge inundated the city.

If only Pagasa warned the surrounding forecast area of danger, many would have taken precaution. It should not only warn those areas forecast to be hit by the center of the storm but also the adjacent areas because the typhoon might suddenly change direction. Pagasa should also warn people of dangerous gusts and of the danger posed by the eye wall. I believe what we experienced that night of Oct. 28, 1995 was the southern half of Pepang's eye wall where the most violent winds and rain (even spin-up vortices) occurred. A total of 256 people died in the storm.

TYPHOON GADING (Vicki) Sept. 17-21, 1998

Gading was one of the rare storms that formed in the South China Sea. After just more than 12 hours as a tropical storm it developed winds of 100-120 kph. The satellite picture surprised us. Gading formed an eye while it was a few kilometers from the eastern shore of Pangasinan. It is assumed that when the eye forms at the center of the storm it is classified as a mature typhoon. Winds are usually greater than 120 kph. But Pagasa still classified Gading as a severe tropical storm with winds of 100 kph. By 2 a.m. on Sept. 19 it bore down on Pangasinan and Dagupan City. It then rapidly weakened to a tropical depression with winds of 55 kph when it struck Baguio City.

The aftermath in Dagupan and the rest of Pangasinan was terrible. Scenes on TV and newspapers showed roofless houses, uprooted trees and electric posts that were snapped in two. People wondered how a tropical storm with only a signal No. 2 warning could create severe damage.

Why did Pagasa miss the rapid formation of the eye and the sudden intensification of the storm? If it had warned residents of the dangerous gusts Gading would bring, even at the last hour, many would have taken precautions. Pagasa Dagupan City should have not waited for Pagasa Main to raise the public storm signal because it was Dagupan that the storm was lashing, not Manila.

The weather bulletin should have been issued with Dagupan as reference point because the strongest winds were expected to hit the city. How could winds from a tropical storm (75-119 kph), cause galvanized iron sheets to wrap around electric posts? Gading's winds must have been stronger than that.

TYPHOON UNDING (Muifa) Nov. 14-23, 2004

This tropical storm was quite erratic as it approached the Bicol-Samar area on Nov. 14. The high pressure ridge over China at that time was preventing the storm from moving northwest toward Luzon. It moved toward Catanduanes, then steered away, and then went back again to threaten Daet.

As it was in the vicinity of the Calagua Islands in Camarines Norte, the storm intensified into a typhoon while being quasi-stationary. It looked like it was not moving but it was rapidly growing stronger.

It then moved slowly northeast and north prompting the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) in Hawaii, and Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) and Pagasa to alert Quezon, Camarines and Aurora-Isabela area of the coming of Unding. As Unding inched her way northward and northeast, it suddenly started to move southwestward, creating a loop. JTWC earlier made a forecast that it would move southwest and hit Daet and Southern Quezon while JMA, at the same time, made a forecast that it would hit Caramoan Peninsula and Naga in Camarines Sur.

Pagasa, meanwhile, made a forecast that the typhoon would move west-northwest after making a loop and hit the Casiguran-Isabela area. Then Unding continued its southwestward track toward Camarines Sur, but Pagasa, still expecting it to move away from Bicol, lowered the typhoon signal to No. 2 in Bicol.

At about 10 p.m. on Nov. 19 the typhoon was heading for Camarines Sur and its center was just about 80 km northeast of Naga. By this time it was throwing gusts of up to 215 kph at Camarines Sur and creating widespread damage.

Many were caught unprepared because they thought it was still signal No. 2. This was the only time Pagasa raised the storm signal to No. 3 in its Severe Weather Bulletin No. 22 that was broadcast at 11 p.m. Unfortunately, Unding had already destroyed much of Naga City and neighboring areas.

The typhoon raced southwesterly through the Bondoc Peninsula and to Oriental Mindoro. By this time, the people of Oriental Mindoro, specifically Roxas, were not warned of the approaching typhoon, as Pagasa classified it as a tropical storm. The signal No. 3 warning did not reach Roxas. Result? Death and destruction that were not expected.

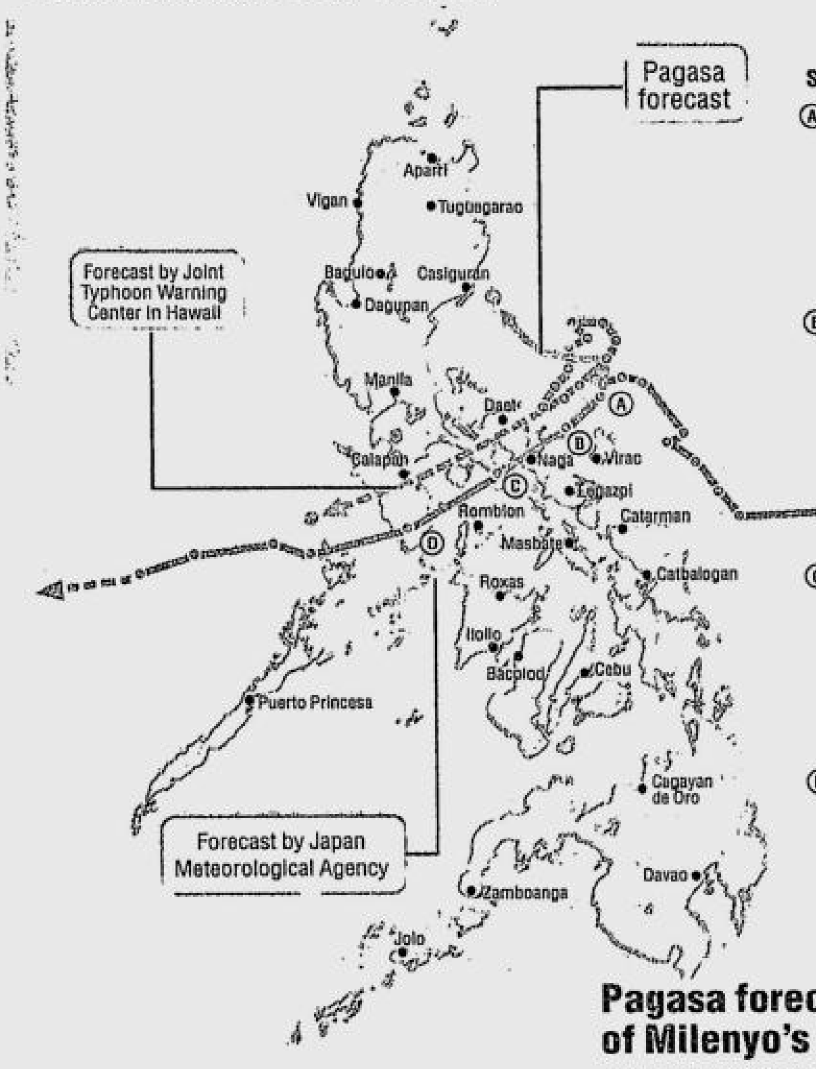
After all the death and destruction, Pagasa is pinning its hopes on modernization. Why didn't they do that before? If there are delays in the modernization project, Pagasa can tap typhoon enthusiasts and invest in the Internet. It's a more cost-efficient strategy while waiting for the new weather equipment. There are weather enthusiasts and people who are interested in giving their time plotting the path of typhoons.

I hope this modernization will take place and Pagasa will regain the people's trust and confidence. Being the most typhoon-visited country in the world, it is just but right that we become the most advanced in tropical cyclone research and forecasting.

(Alojado, 26, worked as a volunteer typhoon tracker and ham radio broadcaster for the Amity Volunteer Fire Brigade in Bacolod City from 1994 to 2000. He earned a degree in medicine last April.)

TYPHOON TRACKING MAP

UNDING (Muifa) Nov. 11- 23, 2004



Severe Weather Bulletin

Ⓐ No. 21
Issued at 4 p.m. Nov. 19
Location: 14.7°N 124°E
(north of Catanduanes)
Max: 120 kph
Gust: 150 kph
SW at 9 kph

Ⓑ No. 22
Issued at 10 p.m. Nov. 19
Location: 14.2°N 123.6°E
(80 km NE of Naga)
Max: 120 kph
Gust 150 kph
SW at 9 kph

Ⓒ No. 23
Issued at 4 a.m. Nov. 20
Location: 12.4°N 122.5E°
(Bondoc Peninsula)
Max: 110 kph
Gust: 140 kph
WSW at 19 kph

Ⓓ No. 24
Issued at 10 a.m. Nov. 20
Location: 12.7°N 121.2°E
(southern Mindoro)
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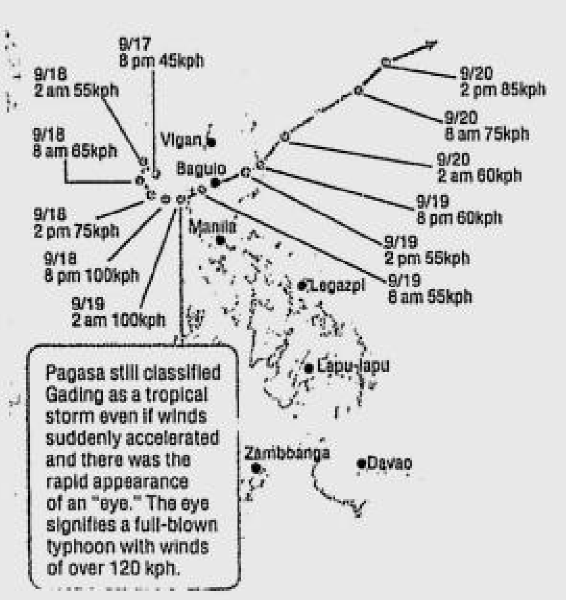
GADING (Vicki) Sept. 17- 21, 1998



Pagasa still classified Gading as a tropical storm even if winds suddenly accelerated and there was the rapid appearance of an "eye." The eye signifies a full-blown typhoon with winds of over 120 kph.

RESEARCH BY GENIO DOMINIC B. ALOJADO

Pagasa forecast of Milenyo's location

- **Sept. 27, 2006 (Wednesday)**
Severe Weather Bulletin No. 8
Issued at 11 a.m.

- Location of center: At 10 a.m., the eye was located by radar satellite and surface data at 60 km east of Catarman, Northern Samar.
- Movement: West-northwest at 13 kph
- Strength: Maximum sustained winds of 120 kph near the center and gusts of up to 150 kph
- Forecast positions: The typhoon is expected to be over the vicinity of Daet, Camarines Norte by Thursday morning. By Friday morning, it will be 40 km southwest of Dagupan City. By Saturday, it will be 430 km west-northwest of Dagupan.

Severe Weather Bulletin No. 9

- Location of center: As of 4 p.m., it was 50 km east of Legazpi City, Albay
- Movement: West-northwest at 13 kph
- Strength: Maximum sustained winds of 120 kph near the center and gusts of up to 160 kph
- Forecast positions: Wednesday evening: traverse Sorsogon and Albay. Thursday morning: cross Camarines provinces. Thursday afternoon: 110 km west-northwest of Daet, Camarines Norte or 110 km east of Metro Manila

Actual position on Thursday morning: The typhoon hit Metro Manila before lunch, with its eye crossing the southern part of the metropolis. By 2 p.m., the typhoon had passed Metro Manila. -Editor

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Pagasa open to constructive criticism

By Nathaniel Cruz

WE WERE NOT wrong about Milenyo. We're talking here of the weather, the state of the atmosphere at any given time. It is a moving system which changes every second, every minute, every hour. These are things that should be considered.

Look at Hurricane Katrina. The initial assessment was that Katrina would not hit Louisiana, just the panhandle of Florida, but look at what happened.

The [changing] scheduled arrival of Milenyo in Metro Manila was an assessment based on the movement of the typhoon at that time (Wednesday afternoon) but of course it was possible for it to change.

Things affect its movements while it is still far off. It's like watching a leaf floating in the middle of a river. You see that it moves, and it is affected by movements from left, right, up and down. We don't talk about the things that affect weather disturbances because it will only confuse people.

The important thing to know is where it will hit and when. The intensity and future movement of the tropical cyclone is most important to us.

Pagasa has 68 meteorological and synoptic stations, but it will be ideal to have one station for every province. The middle of the Philippine Sea, for example, has no station. The Philippines needs more Doppler radars. We don't have enough stations to monitor rainfall.

All weather forecasters from rich or poor nations perform the same tasks and the only difference is the equipment. It plays a big role in forecasting.

We need additional monitoring stations like buoys that we can deploy. These will allow us to record wind speed, pressure, etc. Right now, we rely on ship observation. The United States has the most modern computers, satellites, and yet they keep on adding more equipment.

Forecasting is not written in stone. That's why we update the media. The key word is updating. You adjust as you see it change position. The shorter the lead time, the higher the accuracy. Before, we could only predict weather up to the next 24 hours, now we can predict weather 72 hours in advance.

We are open to constructive criticism as long as it is meant to improve the craft and reduce hazards related to weather disturbances. The end result is for the public and not for anyone else.

Interviewed by Blanche Rivera

(Cruz is the weather branch chief at the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration.)

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MILF: Peace pact won't stop rebellion

By Charlie C. Señase
Inquirer Mindanao

COTABATO CITY—THE MORO REBELLION will continue even if the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) agrees to sign the peace agreement being pushed by the government, a top MILF official said.

Ghadzali Jaafar, MILF political affairs chief, said even if the MILF agrees to disband after the signing of a peace treaty that fails to address the Moro's quest for self-determination, the peace and order problem in Mindanao will remain a major headache for the government.

The MILF has branded the government's proposed peace settlement as half-baked because it allegedly failed to address the issue on ancestral domain.

Younger rebels

Jaafar said other groups with young breed of fighters would eventually emerge because of the unresolved issue of ancestral domain.

"Believe me, the problem will continue to serve as migraine to government peace negotiators even after we're gone. The quest for self-determination will continue to haunt the Philippine government unless the territorial issue is resolved," Jaafar said.

Jaafar said that unlike the present leadership of the MILF, those who would lead future Moro groups could be aggressive.

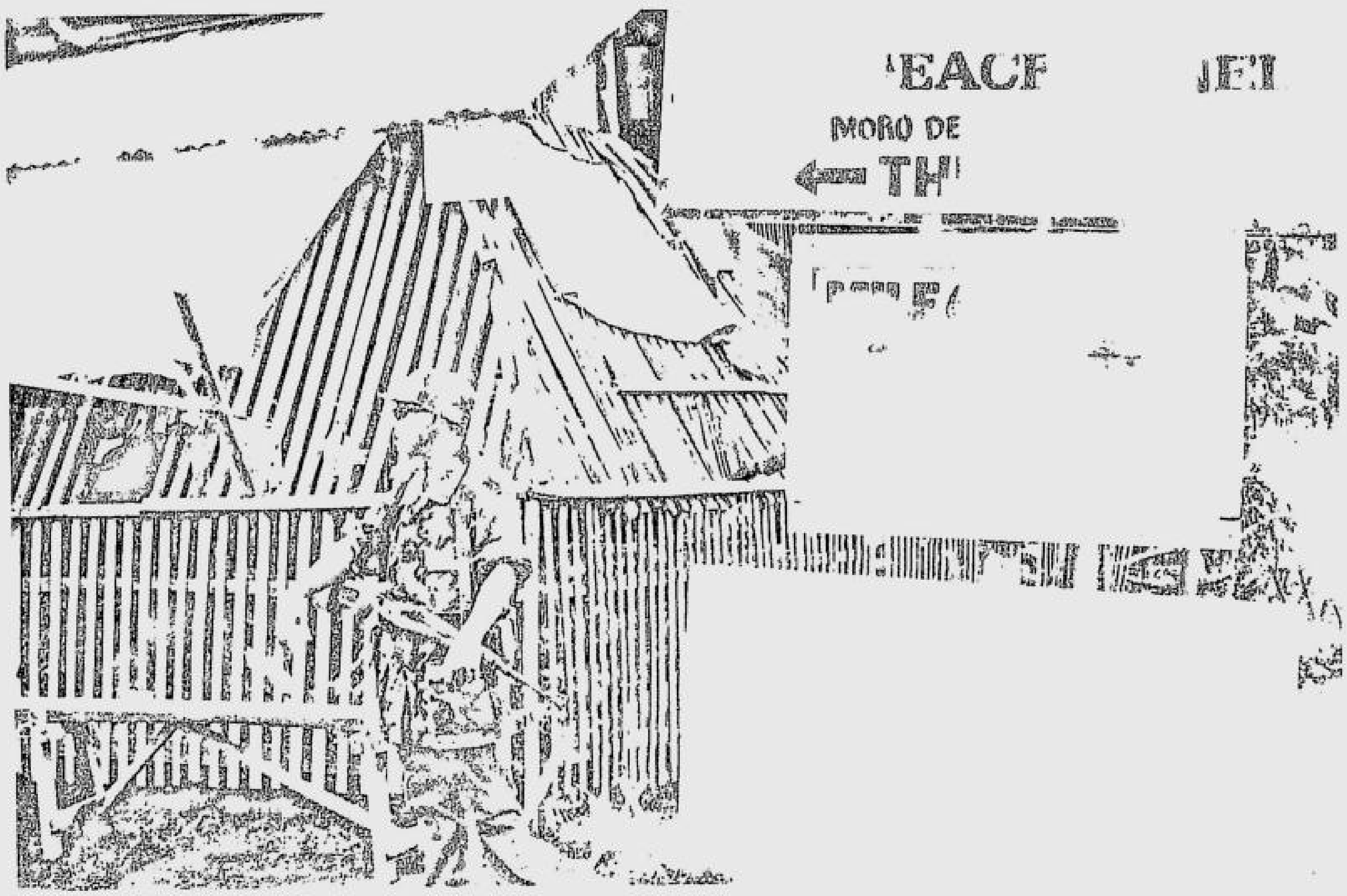
"We have aged and mellowed down, which would perhaps lead us to signing a peace pact short of our forebears' desire for an independent Muslim Mindanao," he said.

The MILF is seeking the inclusion of more than 1,000 villages in the Bangsamoro juridical entity, which will be established after the signing of the peace agreement.

But the government rejected the proposal saying only 600 villages were found to be pre-dominantly Moro.

These villages are found mainly in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and other parts of central and western Mindanao.

The disagreement has dealt a serious blow to the peace negotiations with the MILF which has accused the government of insincerity.



A MORO Islamic Liberation Front fighter guards the exit of their main camp called Darapanan in Sultan Kudarat town in Maguindanao on Tuesday. The MILF, disappointed by the standoff in the recent talks on ancestral domain, says it was prepared to go to war. JEOFFREY MAITEM/INQUIRER MINDANAO

Victims of 'Milenyo' urged to rise up to challenge of rebuilding

By Delfin Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

SAN FRANCISCO, QUEZON—AS THIS coastal town fronting Tayabas Bay celebrated the feast of its patron, Saint Francis of Assisi, on Oct. 4, the parish priest called on the faithful not to wallow in grief for the loss of loved ones and the destruction of millions of pesos worth of property and farm crops from the wrath of Typhoon "Milenyo."

"We can all pass these challenges," said Monsignor Ordelo Lontok, parish priest of San Francisco, about 302 km southeast of Manila.

Mayor Ernani Tan called on his constituents not to lose hope and rely on their resilient traits to overcome the tragedy.

"We will not allow Milenyo to defeat the collective faith and strength of our community," Tan stressed.

Past midnight on Sept. 27, Typhoon Milenyo started to batter San Francisco with strong winds and heavy rains.

A few hours later, the rains and rising sea level merged and turned into flash floods originating from the town's three rivers—Inabuan, Kangisa and Tayuman.

"When the water started to engulf my shack, I ordered my family to climb to the nipa roof and hang on to whatever they could cling on to. Then suddenly, a rampaging current swept our house," Garde Alde, 29, narrated.

Amid the darkness and continuous rains, Alde said what he could hear were only the fading shouts for help from his wife and children.

"But I couldn't do anything," he said in near tears as he embraced his two children inside the mayor's office.

The two children—Jeric, 8, and Giselle Ann, 10—both survived by clinging on to a floating wood.

The next morning, Alde found the body of his wife, who died from drowning, several kilometers away from their village.

His two other children, Julie Ann and Jenny, still remained missing and have been presumed dead.

Jeric said he prayed as he was being tossed by strong waves in Tayabas Bay where he was swept by the strong river current.

"Enough. Please, bring me to the shore now," he remembered uttering.

He said after their shack was swept away by the raging flood, he held on to a piece of wood until a man pulled him to the shore.

Tan said that at about 8 a.m., the kid was spotted by one of his farm helpers in Barangay Cawayan Uno, some 8 km away from the village where the boy came from.

"He was found naked and shivering. His body was full of bruises and contusions probably from the floating wood pieces. But he was not crying," the mayor said.

Jeric's older sister, Giselle Ann, was rescued a kilometer away from where Jeric was found.

"I prayed to God and asked pity to bring me to the shore because I have no more parents," she recalled her prayers, thinking that her parents had both died from the flood.

Alde requested assistance from President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"Please help us in rebuilding our lives for the sake of my remaining children," said the grieving father, who occasionally works as a hired fishpond helper.

Tan vowed to provide Alde with a fishing boat and equipment and scholarship for his children.

Another boy, Lester Alcantara, 6, was found by the village search-and-rescue team atop the concrete Inabuan Bridge half a kilometer away from the location of their house, Tan said.

The INQUIRER learned that Lester was the only survivor in the Alcantara family, who lived in a shack near the river, which was also swept by the flood.

As he sipped the soda and nibbled the cookies served to him, Lester stared afar and did not speak a word.

The boy's parents and two other siblings all died from drowning. The youngest, a 5-month-old baby, was still missing.

Arsenio Tolda, 33, of Barangay Ibabang Yuni in the nearby Mulanay town, led his wife and seven children at about 2 a.m. to an abandoned the house when the water started to rise.

"We climbed coconut trees just to escape the flood. But five of my children were not able to make it to the tree for safety. Some of them probably fell down and were carried away by the strong current," he said crying.

"They were all shouting 'Papa, Papa help me.' But I don't know where to go. I could not see them. It was all dark. Until their cries for help faded," Tolda said.

Four hours after the flood subsided, he searched for his children.

He found their bodies one by one, not far from each other, in a palm pond several kilometers away from their house.

Without money for a burial, Tolda borrowed a power saw from a friends, cut a soft wood tree near their area and made coffins for his dead children.

"I made the coffins to compensate for my grave shortcomings to them when they were calling me for help but I was not able to. Through this gesture, I'm asking for their forgiveness and may they all rest in peace," he said in whisper.

Tolda buried the remains of his children in a public cemetery.

At least 47 people died in Quezon, most of them from flash floods, according to the provincial disaster coordinating council.

Reports from the Department of Social Welfare and Development Quezon office said 22 persons were still missing in different parts of the province.

A total of 12,832 houses were declared "totally damaged" and 25,385 abodes as "partially damaged."

> 'Enough. Please, bring me to the shore now . . .'

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SOME of the children survivors of "Milenyo" in Quezon province. Officials are now discussing what future these children face as an aftermath of the typhoon's destruction.

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Gov likened to Mike A in onslaught of libel

MALIKSI

STA. ROSA CITY—A CAVITE lawmaker yesterday joined two international media groups in condemning Cavite Gov. Erineo "Ayong" Maliksi for suing the editorial staff members of three community papers for libel.

In Maliksi's filing of the libel cases, Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla (2nd district, Nationalista) likened the governor to First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo who had also sued at least 42 journalists for supposedly maligning his person by publishing articles critical of him.

"We have our own version of 'media-terrorizing Mike Arroyo' in Cavite in the person of Maliksi," Remulla said in a text message to the INQUIRER.

On Monday, a regional trial court judge ordered the arrest of 10 publishers and staffers of three weekly tabloids after the provincial prosecutor's office recommended the libel cases filed against them by Maliksi.

Rudy Apolo, publisher of Asian Star Journals and Asian Star Express Balita, was arrested at his printing press office in Imus town on Tuesday.

Police eventually released him after he paid the required P10,000 bail.

Remulla raised his concern over the safety of the 10 media workers and said the incident was "very saddening."

"As a former journalist myself, it saddens me that Maliksi has resorted to libel suits instead of proving his innocence of the charges levied against him," said Remulla, who once worked as a television reporter.

He is the younger brother of Maliksi's staunchest political rival, Vice Gov. Johnvic Remulla.

In separate statements, the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) criticized Maliksi for suing the media workers.

Both groups called on the governor to instead drop the cases against the respondents.

Christopher Warren, president of the Brussels-based IFJ, said defamation cases filed by government officials were "meant to silence journalists."

He said the issuance of warrants of arrest against the media workers was "simply ridiculous."

"The fact that in one day, 10 arrest warrants can be issued in a defamation case lodged by one person is simply ridiculous," Warren said.

He added: "This ludicrous situation only adds to the already abysmal record of criminal defamation cases in the Philippines, where a journalist has received 32 years jail for libel and the President's husband is currently suing 43 journalists for defamation."

Meanwhile, the New York-based CPJ condemned the arrest.

"Criminal defamation charges have a deeply chilling effect on news reporting, and their use by public officials does great damage to the Philippines' rich tradition of press freedom," said Joel Simon, CPJ executive director.

"We call on the governor to drop his criminal complaint and allow the release of these journalists, who have been jailed in violation of basic press freedom standards," said Simon. *Marlon Ramos, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo's husband, Jose Miguel or Mike, displays the complaint sheet for libel he filed against Rep. Allan Peter Cayetano. He has filed at least 42 cases of libel, that, if successful, would make him probably the most defamed figure in the country today. INQUIRER PHOTO

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Benguet university to go organic

> 'We now see the destruction . . .because of chemical-based farming. . .'

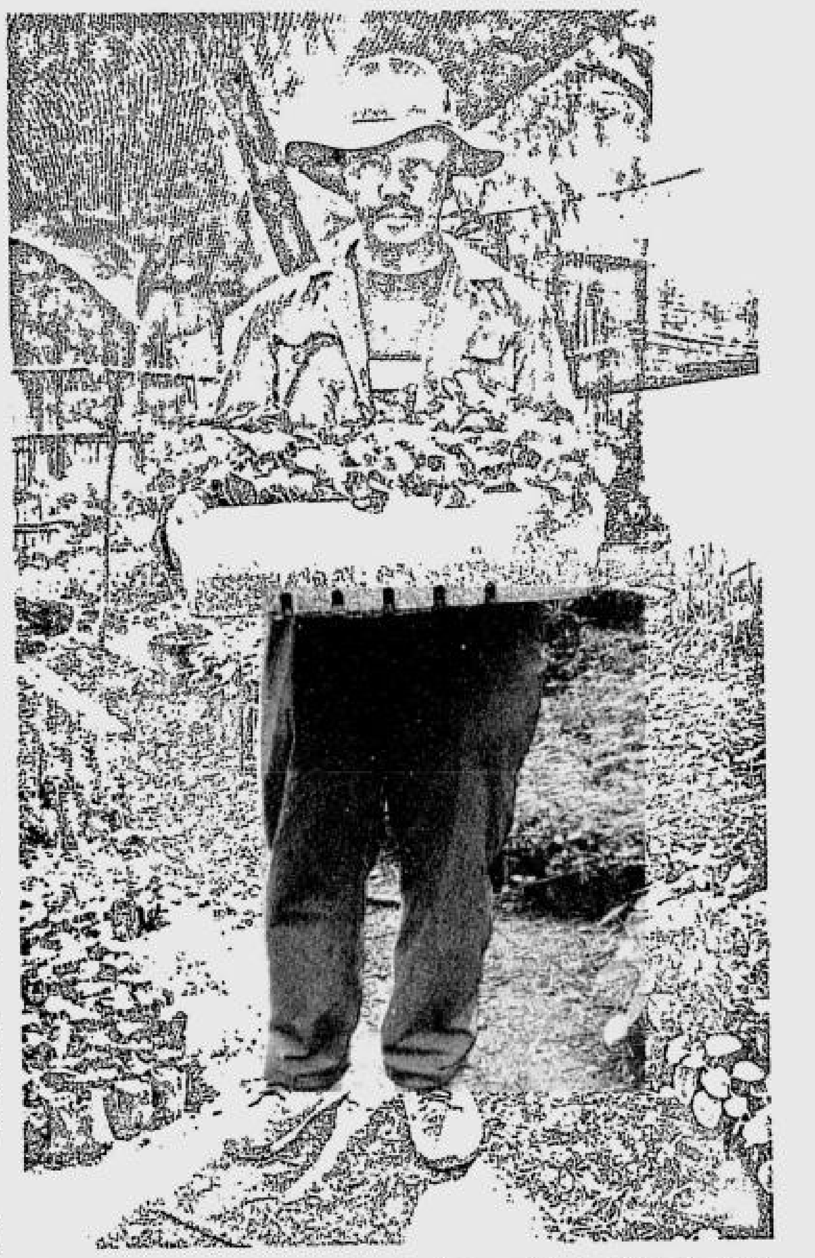
LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—While most universities are content with their "Nabubulok/Di Nabubulok" (biodegradable/nonbiodegradable) trash cans as their contribution to the recycling movement, the Benguet State University is vying to become the first truly organic school in the country.

Not only does it have its own integrated recycling and composting program within its campus here, it may also be the first to introduce organic farming as a course.

Dr. Rogelio Colting, BSU president, said a third of the university's students and faculty are involved in the school's organic agriculture program, which is on its first year.

He said the decision to go organic was prompted by the ecological problems brought about by chemical-based farming in Benguet.

"We now see the destruction of farm resources, soil and biodiversity because of chemical-based farming. There are also health problems associated with pesticides and fertilizers and river systems being destroyed," he said.



THESE ordinary looking strawberries being cultivated at the back of the Benguet State University are certified organic, and will soon be on everyone's dinner tables by Christmas, once the campus here goes full blast. Benguet draws tourist and a market because of its strawberry harvests, but BSU wants to wean farmers toward organic plantations, according to Christian Depanios, a BSU agriculture professor *(in photo)*. VINCENT CABREZA/INQUIRER NORTHERN LUZON

Alternative lifestyle

"This prompted us to look for an alternative lifestyle and the only way is to go into organic agriculture."

Colting said the program integrates not only agriculture students but also those in nursing, environment, research and education.

Macario Cadatal, dean of the College of Agriculture, said they have began offering organic farming as degree and non-degree courses two years ago and some of their ecological agriculture graduates have been absorbed as staff members of the program.

"The students are very receptive to the program because they know it is the only way to go," Cadatal said.

Other projects in the program include research and development, training and extension services, production, processing and marketing of organic products within the campus, policy and advocacy, and support services and networking.

Data

Colting said the research and development component included creating a database for organic producers in the Cordillera and the documentation of indigenous practices on crop and livestock production that could be adopted for modern agriculture.

He said the BSU has also started drawing up guidelines for organic production of strawberries and coffee beans, and is completing the same for tomato, broccoli, mushroom and other highland vegetables.

Scientists in BSU are also into the organic control of pests and diseases as well as the identification and culture of bioinoculants for organic crop production.

Inoculants are bacteria, algae or fungi alone or in combination and they augment the availability of nutrients to the plants or give plants immunity to diseases.

Showcase

The BSU has also started a showcase garden near its agriculture building, which features seven pocket gardens for spiritual and physical healing.

The university has also established an organic demonstration farm and nursery as well as an apiary and mini eco-park within the campus.

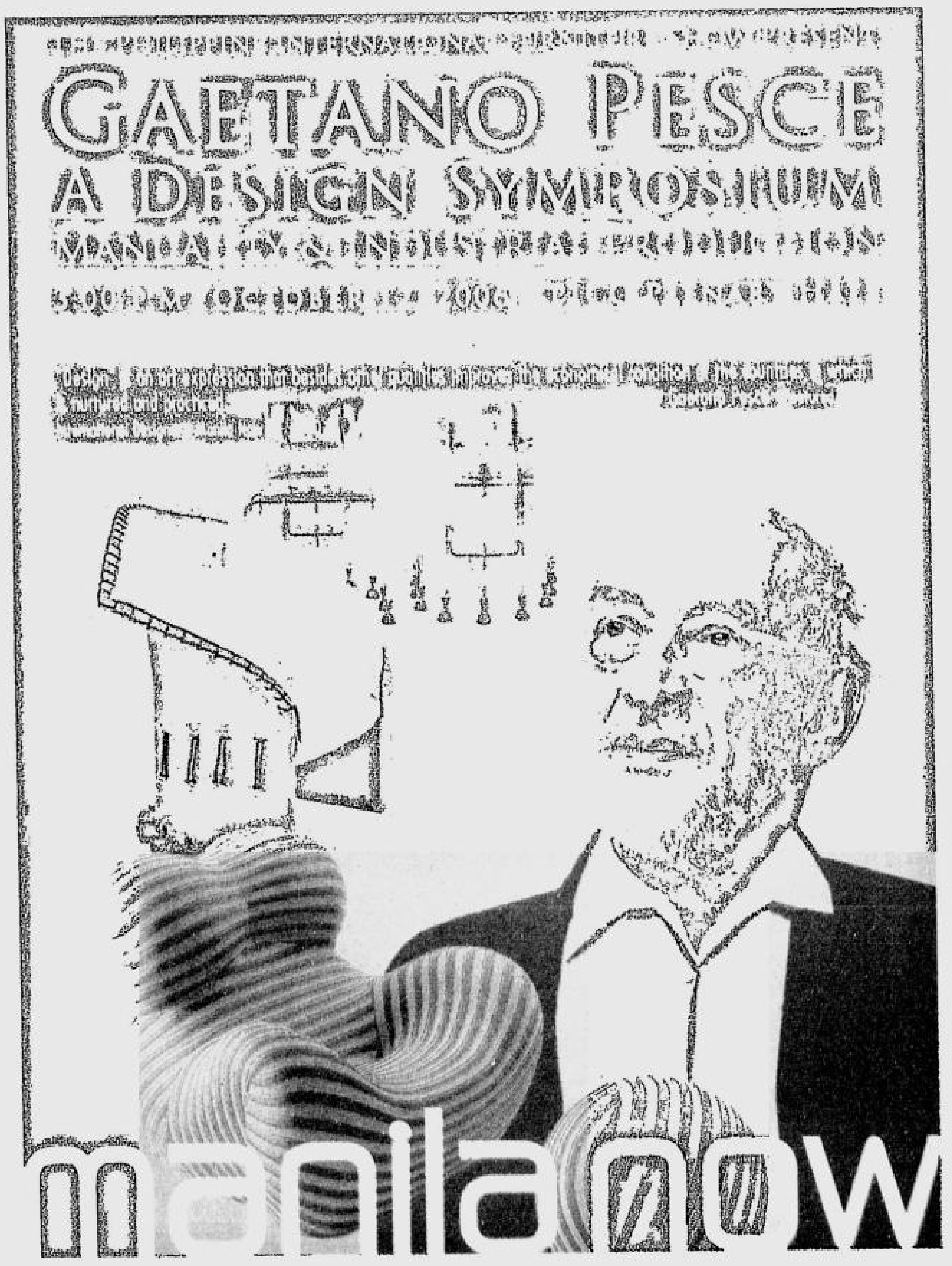
It maintains a Nutriclinic, which sells herbal products to students and residents here.

The "Nabubulok/Di Nabubulok" trash cans are ubiquitous within the BSU campus.

Jose Dalaoing, a professor in soil science here, said they collect the biodegradable trash and turn them into compost for the school's use.

He said they produce 100 bags of compost a month from the school's trash alone.

Frank Cimatu, Inquirer Northern Luzon



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Bicol typhoon damage reaches P2B, says DA

PILI, CAMARINES SUR—THE Department of Agriculture here estimated the losses Typhoon "Milenyo" wrought in agriculture in Bicol at P2 billion even as the cost of the damage was expected to climb with more reports from the field coming in.

The DA said coconut farms with some 24 million trees suffered most with the damage estimated to reach P973 million. It was the biggest loss in agriculture in the Bicol region.

The DA said rice farms suffered some P447.9 million in losses. At least 46,385 farmers dependent on the rice industry were expected to suffer loss of income.

The National Irrigation Administration (NIA) initially reported damages to irrigation facilities at P119.6 million.

Half of the losses in rice crop was recorded at Sorsogon, the hardest hit province.

For high value crops, that included fruits and vegetables, the DA recorded some P197 million in losses with some P132-million in damages in Sorsogon alone.

Damages to fisheries reached at least P117 million; abaca, P76 million and corn, P29 million.

In a related report, the provincial government of Camarines Sur has estimated the cost of damages to infrastructure at P238 million.

The Camarines Sur Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council (PDCC) has reported that 31 out of the 35 towns have suffered varying degrees of destruction that affected 72,382 families in 324 villages.

In the aftermath of the typhoon, the provincial government here distributed 7,818 packs of relief goods to 14 towns and the city of Iriga.

The PDCC also reported five persons dead and 88 injured.

As the power lines of the Transmission Corp. (Transco) have yet to be restored in the Luzon grid, Naga City and a number of towns in Camarines Sur were temporarily supplied with power directly from the National Power Corp. power generation plant in Tiwi, Albay.

Emmanuel Aldeza, substation engineer of the Transco here, said the power was tapped from the Napocor's 230-kilovolt line.

In Batangas, the typhoon left an initial P48 million damage in the province's agricultural crops and P300 million in fisheries, the provincial agriculturist office (PAO) said.

Heavily damaged crops include rice, corn, *rambutan*, mango, *lansones*, banana, vegetables and other fruit-bearing trees.

PAO planning officer Eugenio Gappi said the typhoon damaged at least 4,405 hectares of agricultural land in the province.

Rice and vegetable farms incurred the heaviest damage worth P15 million, he said.

At least 1,528 hectares of rice farms were reported damaged by the typhoon, 400 hectares belonging to Nasugbu town.

Lipa City had P15 million in damaged banana crops and P130,000 in damaged hybrid corn.

Provincial agriculturist Virgilio Mercado said most of the damaged crops, such as rice were in their reproductive stage.

Most farmers, he said, have not yet harvested these crops before the typhoon struck.

October is the usual harvesting period for rice, corn, *lansones* and *rambutan* in the wet season while bananas are harvested all year.

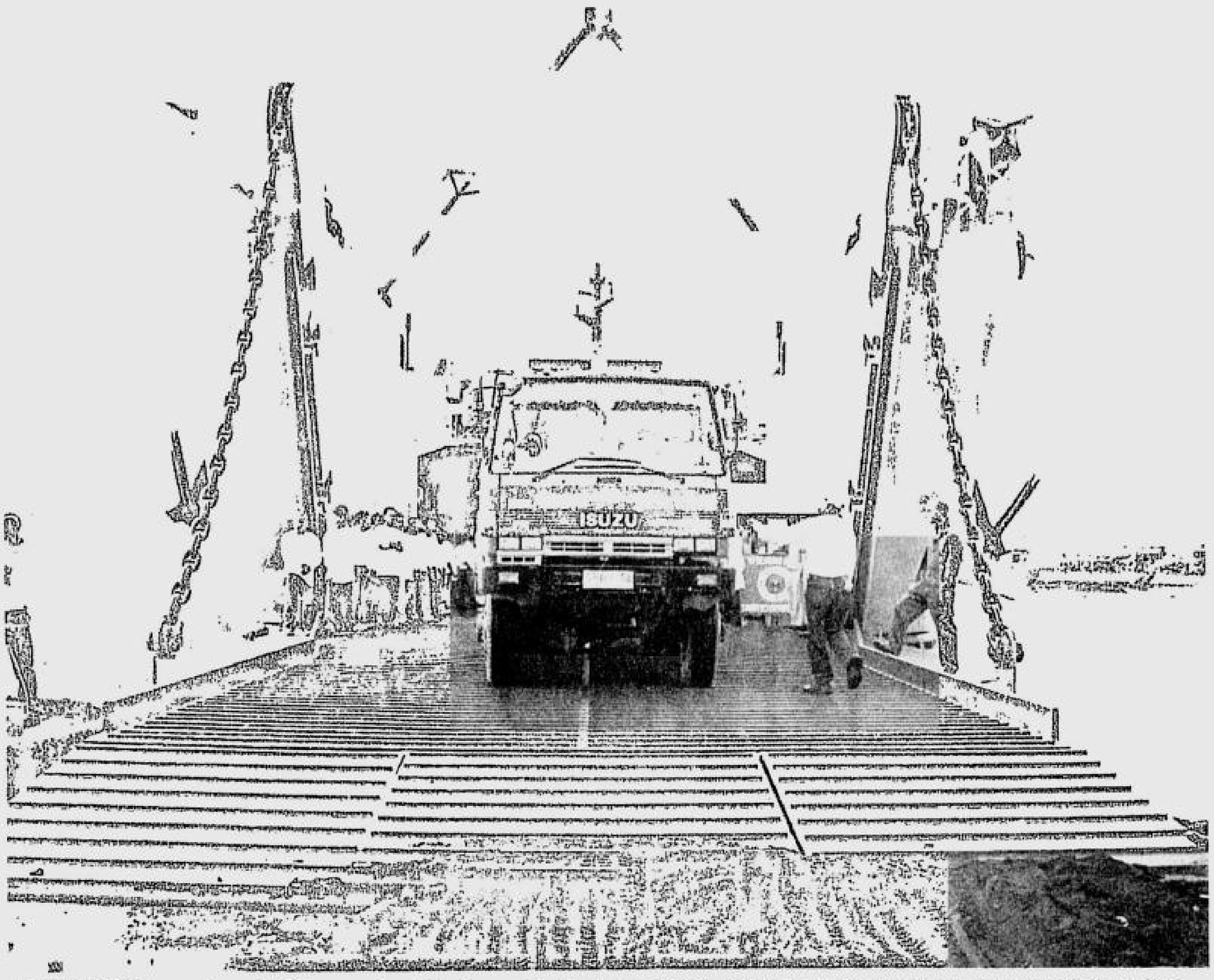
In preparation for typhoon, Mercado advised the local farmers to plant cash crops in rainy seasons to be harvested in two to three months.

The market prices of *lansones* fell to P10 per kg after the typhoon before it went back to P45-50 per kg this week, Gappi said.

Meanwhile, around P300 million worth of *bangus* and *tilapia* in the Taal lakeshore areas of Laurel, Talisay, Agoncillo, Mataas na Kahoy and San Nicolas were lost due to the typhoon.

Milenyo also ravaged at least 1,068 fish cages operating in Taal Lake.

Gappi said it would take three to four months for operators of the fish cages to recover. *Juan Escandor Jr. and Marlon Alexander Luistro, Inquirer Southern Luzon*



AT LEAST 188 linemen from the Visayas arrive at the Legazpi Port in Legazpi City to help in operations to restore power to Albay province and the rest of the Bicol region that were battered by Typhoon "Milenyo."

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Batangas evacuees won't leave yet

TANAUAN CITY—AT least 28 families continue to seek shelter at the Modesto Castillo, Tanauan Muna and Barangay 2 evacuation centers in Tanauan City and would do so until nearby relatives offer shelter or the city decides to send them back to their provinces, a city social welfare and development officer said.

The families lost their shanties built along the riverbanks of Barangays 1, 2 and 3 as the San Juan River overflowed during Typhoon "Milenyo."

Lorna Cabrera, city social welfare and development officer, told the INQUIRER that most of the families were squatters and were natives of Samar province who decided to settle on the riverbanks.

"We had repeatedly warned these informal dwellers not to build houses there due to the imminent danger caused by river overflows but they never listened," she said.

Cabrera said some evacuated families had already left to stay in houses of relatives in the city while others who don't have relatives were still waiting for the city's decision.

She said 42 of the 45 barangays in Tanauan City were affected by Milenyo.

Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council chief Celia Atienza reported last week that 452 families living in the riverbanks at Tanauan City lost their homes. *Marlon Alexander Luistro, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

FAITH AND COMMERCE

The faithful who flock to the Manaoag Church in Manaoag, Pangasinan are greeted by rows and rows of vendors leading to the church selling all sorts of items from religious icons to pet birds. Thousands flock to the church following reports of miracles from the Our Lady of Manaoag.

Police file raps vs 4 in murder of militant Left leader in Bohol

By Chito A. Fuentes
Inquirer Visayas

TAGBILARAN CITY—Police have filed murder charges against four men in connection with the Sept. 7 killing of Bayan provincial chair Victor Olayvar.

The police identified brothers Marlou Betasa and Virgilio Betasa of Danao town, Neil Logronio of Buenavista town and Roldan Torres, a native of Inabanga town who is now residing in Danao, as the four accused.

The police named Betasas and Logronio as principals and Torres as an accomplice.

Motorcycle-for-hire driver Joselito Ayag identified the Betasa brothers and Logronio as the gunmen who shot and killed Olayvar. Olayvar was riding in the motorcycle driven by Ayag when he was shot dead.

Ayag identified Marlou through a picture shown to him by SPO3 Pelagio Rosagaran, while he identified Virgilio and Logronio through sketches.

In his supplemental affidavit executed last Sept. 25 in Camp Dagohoy, Ayag said he was sure that the three were the gunmen because he saw them at the videoke house owned by Torres the night before the ambush.

Olayvar and Ayag had spent the night at the house of Torres prior to the early morning ambush.

"I even offered to Marlou Betasa a seat when I noticed that he was peeping through the window of the videoke house of (Torres) and pretended to be viewing the lyrics of the song appearing in the TV screen of the videoke," Ayag said in his statement.

The witness narrated the distinguishing features of the three saying Marlou who had "dark upper and lower lips," Virgilio had "kinky hair, thick eyebrows and dark skin" while Logronio had a "kinky natural hair, thick eyebrows and whiskers below the chin."

Ayag said the three, along with a companion identified only as a certain Oyang Bentillo, stayed at the videoke house for one to two hours although they did not arrive together.

The witness added that while he did not see Bentillo at the crime scene, he believed Bentillo was "one of their companions."

Ayag also confirmed, in his supplemental affidavit, that Torres owned the red Yamaha Crypton motorcycle with a broken tail light cover used by one of the gunmen as the get-away vehicle.

PNP provincial director Supt. Arturo Evangelista said that "a notorious family in Danao, whose relative was executed by the (New People's Army)" allegedly on the basis of a complaint by members of the Hugpong sa mga Mag-uumang Bol-anon (Humabol) which Olayvar headed, carried out Olayvar's killing.

PROTESTS continue against the killings of Left activists but the murders continue. Police credibility was suffering as a result of law enforcers' failure to solve any of the crimes.

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Top Subic exec says settlement stopped filing of rape raps

By Ansbert Joaquin
Inquirer Central Luzon

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—A TOP OFFICIAL OF the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority said his agency would have filed a complaint against a Korean accused of raping a 23-year-old Filipino cook in Subic town but the victim did not pursue the case.

"The first thing that we wanted to do was to file a complaint but she (victim) did not pursue the case. She did not even secure a medico-legal report," said SBMA Administrator Armand Arreza.

"We don't want to prejudge people, anybody can go file a complaint that she was raped but we cannot establish rape without a medico-legal report," Arreza told the INQUIRER when asked about the measures taken by the SBMA to help the victim.

The victim, who was working as a cook for the Hanjin Heavy Industries Corp., accused barge captain Young Sil Yoon of raping her inside the cabin of his vessel on Sept. 29.

Hanjin is the largest foreign investor to enter the Philippines this year with a committed investment of $1 billion. It is constructing the fourth largest ship building facility in the world in the Redondo Peninsula inside this freeport.

As in the case of Nicole, a Filipino who was allegedly raped by four US Marines inside a moving van at the freeport last year, Arreza said the SBMA could have extended its support for the victim if the latter had come to them.

He said the SBMA provided Nicole housing when she asked that she be shielded from pressures coming from various groups, including the media.

"If she (victim) had come to us and asked for assistance, we certainly would extend [support]," Arreza said.

"But if she refuses to pursue the case, it will be unfair for us to go after the accused without any evidence on our hands."

"We called the attention of Hanjin to inform them that one of their employees has a complaint lodged against [Young], so that they can take appropriate administrative sanctions," Arreza said.

A source close to the victim said on the night of Oct. 2, two women representatives of Hanjin went to the victim's rented room purportedly to ask her help in finding a household help.

While they were talking, the Hanjin representatives allegedly asked the victim how much she wanted in exchange for not pursuing the case against Young.

The negotiations, according to the source, started at P1 million but the company representatives' offer went down to P150,000.

The victim, the source said, accepted the amount and signed a waiver.

On Oct. 3, the victim went to Metro Manila where she boarded a vessel bound for the province where her family lives. The victim's leaving Olongapo, according to the source, was part of the settlement.

"As in the case of Nicole, this case is again controversial for the Arroyo administration because the attacker is influential," lawyer Virgie Suarez-Pinlac, spokesperson of the women's group Pagkakaisa ng Kababaihan (Kaisa Ka), said in a statement.

"The absence of political will on the part of our government to seek justice for Filipina rape victims will succeed only in emboldening foreigners to abuse our people," she said.

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INQUIRER*Mindanao*

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School helps parents feed pupils

By Aquiles Zonio
Malungon, Sarangani Province

IN REMOTE AREAS, IT IS NOT only the distance of the school from their homes that force grade schoolers from quitting their studies. It is also poverty.

However, in a public elementary school in sitio Lamlifew, Datal Tampal, a predominantly B'laan village in Malungon town, Sarangani Province, school officials have devised an antidote to alleviate the problem.

They adopted the "food-for-work" scheme and supplemental feeding program to enhance the academic performance of tribal children in the area.

Tribal residents in Malungon largely depend on traditional farming as a main source of livelihood.

Most, if not all of them, lead a hand-to-mouth existence. Their children would often skip classes to help the family in the farm or simply because they have lost interest attending classes with an empty stomach.

Food for work

Under the program, parents of the pupils of the Lamlifew Elementary School work at the school and get a subsidy of six sacks of rice per month until December. The rice would be divided among the parents.

The job includes clearing out the grassy portion of the school before they convert it into a farm for cardava banana.

"Planting banana in a vacant space inside the school can be of great help during economic difficulties," said Marilyn Falsario, the project in-charge.

She said the idea of opening up a cardava plantation inside the school also drew the support of the teachers and village officials.

Today, parents, teachers and village officials are planting cardava banana together.

They have also planted about 20 mango and 100 mahogany seedlings around the school.

Aside from the food-for-work program, the school has also started a feeding program funded by the provincial government.

Loida Esperanza, who is in charge of the school, said parents, teachers and community leaders were grouped into five to feed 170 pupils.

Each group member brings vegetables or anything available at home which can be used as viand.

Fifteen kilos of rice are cooked during school days to feed the pupils.

Then they take their lunch together at the school.

Falsario said this has encouraged pupils to come to school every day.

"Absenteeism has become minimal. The children are becoming more attentive and show eagerness in schooling because they are not hungry," Falsario said.

Ducks

In her report to Gov. Miguel Dominguez, Esperanza said that aside from the food-for-work and feeding projects, the school has also started raising ducks.

She said they were hoping that through this new program, the school would earn something in the future.

This is also part of the school's effort to instill the value of industry, hard work, unity and patience among local residents, she said.

Esperanza said they started with 37 ducks. They take care of the ducks by dividing parents into groups. Each group would feed and watch the ducks on rotation basis.

The duck pen was built in an elevated portion just beside a brook.

A small opening facing the brook was designed to serve as a passage for the ducks in going to their "swimming pool."

Members of the Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu), and sitio officials with some male residents agreed to share responsibilities in securing the ducks at night.

Esperanza said the projects they started from scratch were small but they proved that these can help a lot.

She said it also showed that the villagers could unite towards a brighter future.

Guyito finds new home in Tagum

By Dennis Jay C. Santos
Tagum City

GUYITO HAS FOUND A NEW HOME IN THE hearts of the students and teachers of the Tagum National High School in Tagum City.

On Friday, a sculpture of the INQUIRER's mascot was turned over to school officials by a team from the company.

Tagum became the first destination in Mindanao of the paper's mascot.

Twenty Guyito sculptures, which were commissioned for the paper's 20th anniversary celebrations last year, are being donated to various schools nationwide.

The recipient schools are those which have won the National Quiz Bee.

The Guyito version donated in Tagum was painted on by Roel Obemio.

As the INQUIRER team arrived at the school's premises, a marching band played music.

"It's so wild and so warm," said Megi Garcia, the corporate affairs associate manager said of the reception.

She said it was only on Tuesday that she phoned the school's principal, Victoria Balquiedra, informing her that the school was chosen as one of the recipients of the Guyito sculpture, yet, the preparation was overwhelming.

Damsel Merced, a fourth year student and photographer of the school paper "The Mover" and "Galaw Diwa" said she initially thought that Guyito's sculpture was only for decoration.

"But when I saw it, I was amazed. It is wonderful. There are lots of painting at the back and I think these paintings describe us Filipinos," she said.

Merced aspires to become a professional photojournalist one day.

Reading campaign

Connie Kalagayan, INQUIRER corporate affairs manager, said the turnover of the Guyito sculpture was part of the company's campaign to draw the youth into reading.

Kalagayan said an informed society is important in shaping the country's future.

The INQUIRER's advocacy, she said, would be futile if the younger generation do not form the habit of reading the news and share their opinions and voice out their concerns.

Pergentino Bandayrel Jr., the INQUIRER's national editor, said the campaign is also aimed at touching base with the younger ones.

Nile Fernandez, also a campus journalist from another high school here, said she admired the paper's initiative in promoting readership.

Fernandez said she also wants to be a journalist.

For teacher Ellen Alferez, the INQUIRER is not only a source of information but also an effective tool for peace.

"We do hope that you will continue with your peace advocacy," she said.

"Whatever is the issue, the INQUIRER should stick only to those issues," Alferez said, reminding the paper not to twist or circumvent important facts and issue of the times that is crucial to the public.

She said issues have a huge impact on the lives of the people.

INQUIRER Mindanao Bureau Chief Nestor Alconaba told the students that the role of a journalist is to report the news even if it meant being in the frontline of an ongoing conflict.

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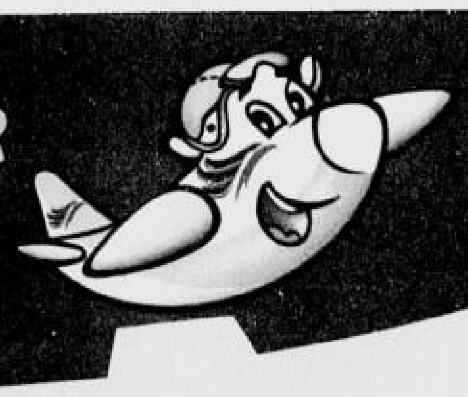

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Abadia won't take blame for RSBS woes

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

FORMER MILITARY CHIEF LISANdro Abadia has refused to take the blame for the financial woes of the Retirement and Separation Benefits System (RSBS) nor would he put the blame on other former RSBS officials for the soured investments of the military pension fund.

"Something went wrong somewhere. I'm the high-profile scapegoat," said Abadia, who chaired the RSBS Board of Trustees when he was the Armed Forces chief of staff from 1991 to 1994.

He stressed he had no pending RSBS-related graft case before the Sandiganbayan.

In 1998, Abadia was recommended for prosecution by the Senate blue ribbon committee for anomalies in the management of the soldiers' pension fund.

He was also investigated by the Ombudsman, which in 2005 recommended the filing of graft charges against him, former RSBS president Jose Ramiscal Jr. and seven others for the approval of an anomalous P277-million loan to Marilaque Land Inc.

But a list provided by the military of five pending RSBS cases before the Sandiganbayan showed Abadia was not among those facing charges.

Ramiscal, a retired general who was RSBS president from 1994 to 1998, was charged with 29 counts of malversation and graft.

"If I have a case, I should know," Abadia said.

Abadia maintained that RSBS, which was created in 1973 as a pension fund for soldiers, lost money due to bad investments in real estate.

P1.5B in profits

He said that during his term, the RSBS made some P1.5 billion in profit while it took out about P400 million in loans to buy real estate properties.

He said the generals and officials who ran the RSBS after him went on with the buying spree and racked up about P4.4 billion in loans to buy "more and more" golf courses, housing sites and raw land whose values crashed when the country was hit by the 1997 financial crisis.

"At first it was okay. Then the financial crisis came in 1997. So now the RSBS is left holding these big properties that they can't develop at all. They have golf courses that are not doing well, plus a big loan to service. It had a cash flow problem," Abadia said.

He said that during his term, he put a 20 percent cap on real estate investments, but succeeding RSBS boards lifted the cap.

At present, 92 percent of the P11.6 billion remaining assets of RSBS are tied up in real estate properties and stocks, which defense and military officials say they would have difficulty selling.

Defending RSBS

Abadia, however, defended the past RSBS officials, saying they bought the properties "with the noblest of intentions."

"I can't blame the board of trustees at that time because things were looking up and up, then it crashed. It was a corporate decision. They had the noblest of intentions to make a lot of money," he said.

Defense and military officials have announced the RSBS would be abolished by Dec. 31 to prevent further losses and to liquefy its assets so the soldiers would get their contributions upon retirement with 6 percent annual interest.

But RSBS officials admitted the returns on RSBS' assets could not match the 6 percent interest paid on refunded contributions.

The refunded contribution is on top of the monthly pension paid to retired military personnel by the national government amounting to about P10.6 billion annually.

Abadia resented the defense department's statement that the new pension fund that will be put up will be run by "professional managers," unlike RSBS.

Harassed

"That's an indictment against retired generals," he said.

Current RSBS executives complained that they were being unfairly harassed and accused by ordinary soldiers of "stealing" their money, when they were the ones who turned the RSBS around from its huge losses.

"We are not bankrupt. We are in the blue. Those responsible for the mismanagement have been charged. Those who are left were not the ones who squandered the money," said Gina Lee, head of the accounts management department, during a staff meeting on Friday.

10-year rehab

RSBS corporate spokesperson and retired colonel Edmundo Gammad said RSBS has been on a 10-year rehabilitation plan since 2000.

He said RSBS completed last January paying off P5 billion in debts through *dacion en pago* (payment through assets) beginning in 2000.

Outgoing RSBS president Cesar Jayme, who assumed office in 2000, was not present during the meeting. He has so far declined requests for an interview.

Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr. announced Jayme's resignation effective Oct. 15.

'Don't let them take . . .

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forum, a tearful Claudine Navalta summed up her sentiments—and perhaps those of the others who passed the five-part exam held on June 11 and 12—about the retake being proposed as a means to address the cheating scandal.

"I'm afraid to take the examination again. I'm afraid, not because I cheated, but because of the high level of anxiety that goes with having to go through it again," said Navalta, 21, a graduate of the World Citi Colleges in Quezon City.

She said that her parents had worked hard to put her through nursing school, and that she had done her utmost to not only pass the exam but also hurdle it with distinction.

Navalta was responding to the question of whether the board passers would rather go through a retake or carry the cheating stigma throughout their professional life as nurses.

"There's tension, especially for me, because I placed ninth in the exam. Let them not take away from me what I and my parents had worked hard for," she said between sobs.

Told that a retake would give her a chance to be No. 1, Navalta said: "I'm satisfied with what I have."

She admitted having registered with the R.A. Gapuz Review Center, one of the refresher schools implicated in the leak of test questions.

"But I did not receive any leak. If I had, all of my friends would have passed," she said.

Civil disobedience

Also at the Kapihan, the father of two board passers threatened civil disobedience through a snub of the retake being planned by Malacañang.

"We'll tell our children not to take the exam if [President Macapagal-Arroyo] issues the executive order on the retake. That is our right," said Dr. Raul Grageda, an orthopedic and trauma doctor at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center.

He said his children—Muriel and Michael, both nursing graduates of the Philippine Women's University who both took review classes at one of the Gapuz centers—"didn't cheat."

Grajeda is one of the leaders of the Alliance of Parents of 2006 Nursing Board Passers.

His group and that of the board passers, the Alliance of New Nurses (ANN), maintain that the government should first wait for the ruling of the Court of Appeals on a pending petition against a retake of the June exam.

"Some personalities in the local community believe that a stigma has been placed on the board passers and the nursing profession, when in fact they themselves are giving the public reckless, unjustifiable information," the ANN said in a statement.

For example, it said, the report on some hospitals not being inclined to hire the board passers has been denied by many hospital administrators and chief nurses of health institutions.

It cited another "misleading" piece of information that said the US National Council Licensure Examination could not be administered in the Philippines because of the scandal.

"[But the] spokesperson of the NCLEX disagreed because according to them, what they are after is the political stability of the country, and not [the resolution of] the leakage controversy," the ANN said.

Hate e-mails, blogs

In Baguio City, the people who exposed the cheating are now the subject of hate e-mails and blogs.

NO WAY. Ninth placer at the June nursing exams, Claudine Navalta, from World Citi College will not retake the exam even if she gets a shot to top the exam the second time around. JOAN BONDOC

The whistle-blowers are composed of 92 examinees and a number of nursing school deans and lawyers in Baguio. They filed the first complaint before the Professional Regulation Commission about test questions allegedly leaked by clients of the Gapuz center in the city.

The center is owned by Ricarte Gapuz, a registered nurse, who is among the pioneers of the review center industry for nursing.

Some of the e-mails and blogs were well-researched and tended to attack prominent members of the group of whistle-blowers.

One questioned the involvement of Cheryl Daytec-Yangot, the group's lawyer. She is married to acting Baguio Vice Mayor Leandro Yangot Jr., who was among the seven bar examinees who asked the Supreme Court to nullify the test on mercantile law in the 2003 bar examination.

An anonymous message written in Filipino and posted on the Pinoy BSN blog read: "What makes her (Daytec-Yangot) impressive? She's the wife of the whistle-blower of the bar exam. I can only say one thing—both of them have nothing better to do so they make up stories to become popular. It's hard to be famous in the legal profession."

Protecting the passers

An e-mail to Daytec-Yangot said the PRC should be held accountable for not resolving the scandal early enough. But it also asked the lawyer why she "did not protect" the board passers from the commission.

"Right at the start, your stand was for [a retake]—even when it was not too late for the PRC to act against the examiners and others involved," the writer said, adding:

"Why did you not recommend ways that will avoid a retake, considering that it is quite prejudicial to [the] innocent [who passed the June exam]? In the 2003 bar exam, without [any] precedent, passers thought a retake was not right, so they fought [against] it and won.

"In the 2006 nursing scandal, there is already an existing precedent, so you should have been solicitous about the passers' rights..."

But Daytec-Yangot said her group—which includes Ruth Thelma Tingda, governor of the Philippine Nurses Association, and Mary Grace Lacanaria, nursing school dean of the Saint Louis University—would "not be cowed."

The group petitioned the Court of Appeals last month to compel the examinees to retake the "spoiled portions" of the board exam.

The appellate court earlier granted the University of Sto. Tomas a temporary restraining order to bar the PRC from processing and issuing nursing licenses to the board passers, after the PRC allowed them to take their oath on Aug. 17.

The whistle-blowers did get some support from chat room users and other bloggers.

A participant in the Pinoy BSN discussion group said the whistle-blowers should be supported because they had "the guts" to expose the cheating.

'Not in Cebu'

In Cebu City, the fourth-placer in the Top 10 dismissed the disclosure on Friday of Rene Luis Tadle, president of the Faculty Association of the School of Nursing of the UST, that the cheating in the board exam was nationwide in scope. *(See story on Page A1.)*

MaeLaurece Plaza said that even if the implicated review centers had branches all over the country, it did not mean that the other branches had also gotten hold of the leaked test questions.

"Probably the leakage was in Manila and Baguio, but it did not reach Cebu," said Plaza, who admitted that she was one of those who took classes at the Gapuz center in Cebu for two months before the exam.

Around 500 nurses from different parts of the Visayas registered for the review held at an uptown hotel in Cebu City, she said.

Plaza said it was unfair to drag into the scandal the other nursing graduates who had reviewed at the centers.

'Sour grapes'

Cebu City Councilor Edgardo Labella, lawyer of the 1,723 board passers in Cebu who have formed the group Tanan (or Tapoktapok sa mga Nagkahiusang Nurses Batok sa Retake), downplayed Tadle's disclosure.

"I found out that most of those who had complained were flunkers of UST. The cum laude of the university also did not pass [the board exam]. Maybe they were hurt that most of the passers came from the provinces, like Cebu. That's what we call sour grapes," Labella said in Cebuano.

He said he knew that most of the complainants were flunkers because during the Court of Appeals hearing on Sept. 14, the presiding justice asked the complainants if they had passed the exam.

Labella said he would not have commented on the issue because of the pending petitions in court. He said he was compelled to do so because of Tadle's disclosure.

He said the petitioners from UST did not mention this information during the hearing.

'Not in Iligan'

At a rally on Thursday in Iligan City, which was attended by about 200 board passers from Northern Mindanao, protesters said the retake should be held only in areas where the leak of test questions had occurred.

"Examinees from Northern Mindanao passed the exams on their own effort. We did not benefit from any leak," Yasmine Latras told the INQUIRER.

Louwei Yee voiced a similar position, saying Malacañang should have considered that the cheating was confined to Luzon. *With reports from Jhunnex Napallacan, Inquirer Visayas; Ritchie Umel, Inquirer Mindanao*

'Leak was everywhere'

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shame to the country," he said.

According to Dumdum, finger-pointing should take a back seat.

"How can we claim now that we can produce globally competitive nurses, [like the ones] we had before, if this issue is not resolved in a justifiable manner? I hope Malacañang would listen to this. Let not our sense of hopelessness and despair and vested interests cloud our duty to those people whom we have sworn to serve," he said.

Wider in scope

A wider investigation of the cheating is what three senators and another government official are calling for.

Senators Richard Gordon and Edgardo Angara said the NBI should expand its probe on the actual scope of the leak.

Malacañang wants the NBI to wrap up its probe by Monday. UST's Tadle said the five new witnesses from Baguio City had submitted their affidavits to the bureau.

Commission on Filipinos Overseas Chair Dante Ang said President Macapagal-Arroyo should order a retake of the entire NLE for all examinees if an INQUIRER report on the widespread leak of test questions would be proved true.

"I thought the leakage was limited to Manila and Baguio, but it now appears that the Visayas and Mindanao also benefited from it. So if it is true that Tests I and II were also tainted, I might recommend to the President a retake of the whole exam for all examinees." Ang said in a phone interview.

Ang is part of the Cabinet group involved in finding a solution to the scandal.

According to Tadle, the five examinees from Baguio had submitted affidavits saying that they received leaked questions for Tests I and II, covering fundamentals of nursing and maternal and child health care, respectively.

The NBI investigation has centered on testimony from other students from Baguio who said the leakage involved Tests III and V, covering medical/surgical nursing and psychiatric nursing, respectively.

Tadle had said the leakage was not confined to Luzon because the implicated review centers had branches not only in Luzon but also in the Visayas and Mindanao.

He had also said the leak of questions for Tests I and II came from two review centers that were not under investigation.

Sen. Panfilo Lacson, chair of the Senate civil service committee investigating the leak, said he would resume the hearing next week and would ask Tadle to testify.

Tadle said he was willing to appear at the Senate hearing.

Erasing the stigma

Angara and Gordon called for a retake of the entire exam to erase the stigma inflicted on batch 2006 and the Filipino nursing profession in general.

Gordon wants a retake only for those who were involved in the cheating, while Angara said it should be for all, provided the government shouldered all expenses, including the transportation costs of examinees from the provinces.

But Lacson said those who had benefited from the leak should not only be prosecuted but also barred from taking another exam.

He expressed strong opposition to a retake for all.

"While I appreciate the concern of the faculty association of the UST College of Nursing to preserve the integrity of the country's nursing profession, the basic legal tenet of presumption of innocence should take the higher plane in the scheme of things," he said.

Lacson said the government should first pinpoint those responsible for the leak and those who benefited from it, and "apply the full force of the law on them."

He said the President should be sensitive to the sentiments of the poor parents of examinees who had nothing to do with the cheating.

"For all we know, they compose the big majority," he said. "I was born to poor parents and I know exactly the personal sacrifices involved here."

Whole or partial?

Angara said the claim of the five new witnesses that questions for Tests I and II were also leaked should necessitate a retake of the whole exam.

He said only this would redeem the integrity of the Filipino nurses before the international health care industry. Prior to the controversy, he said, Filipino nurses were the most sought-after in the world for being well trained and educated.

"My recommendation is that the expenses of the retake, including the transportation expenses of the nurses, should be shouldered by the government," Angara said over dwIZ radio.

Gordon, who previously favored a retake of Tests III and V, said: "If all the subjects (questions) have been passed in various parts of the country, then we might have to do a retake of the whole thing. But my stand is, no evidence, no retake."

But Gordon said the retake should only be for those who had benefited from the leak.

He said this could be determined by getting the names of all the students who reviewed at the Gapuz and Inress review centers, which were previously mentioned in the NBI and Senate inquiries, and other review centers that had obtained advance questions.

'Really active'

Gordon said the Gapuz review center was found to have been "really active in reproducing" the leak, as indicated, he said, by the test results.

"If they 'xeroxed' [the document] in Baguio City, it is reasonable to assume that they can e-mail it to other areas around the country," he said.

Palace pleads for sobriety

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

MALACAÑANG YESTERDAY APPEALED for sobriety from camps for and against a retake of the June nursing licensure examination amid rising tension over the scandal.

"It's a complicated situation. Let's not make it more complicated than it already is by making all these allegations," said Michael Defensor, President Macapagal-Arroyo's chief of staff.

Defensor was referring to a new batch of witnesses, five nursing students from Baguio City, who had claimed that the cheating was much wider than the current focus of inquiry by the National Bureau of Investigation.

He said the President was deferring any decision on the planned retake pending the submission of the NBI report.

According to Defensor, Ms Arroyo will base her decision entirely on the investigation results.

"It will depend on the probe, the extent of the cheating," he said.

The NBI is expected to hand in its report on Monday. Defensor does not know whether the new allegations will have to be taken into account and thus require more time for the bureau to complete its task.

"We will wait for all the facts to come in before making a decision on how to remedy the situation. It's difficult to decide based on mere allegations," Defensor said.

Malacañang has been under fire for its on-again, off-again stance on the planned retake.

Defensor said the Palace was appealing for more patience and understanding. He said the cheating scandal was a very tough nut to crack.

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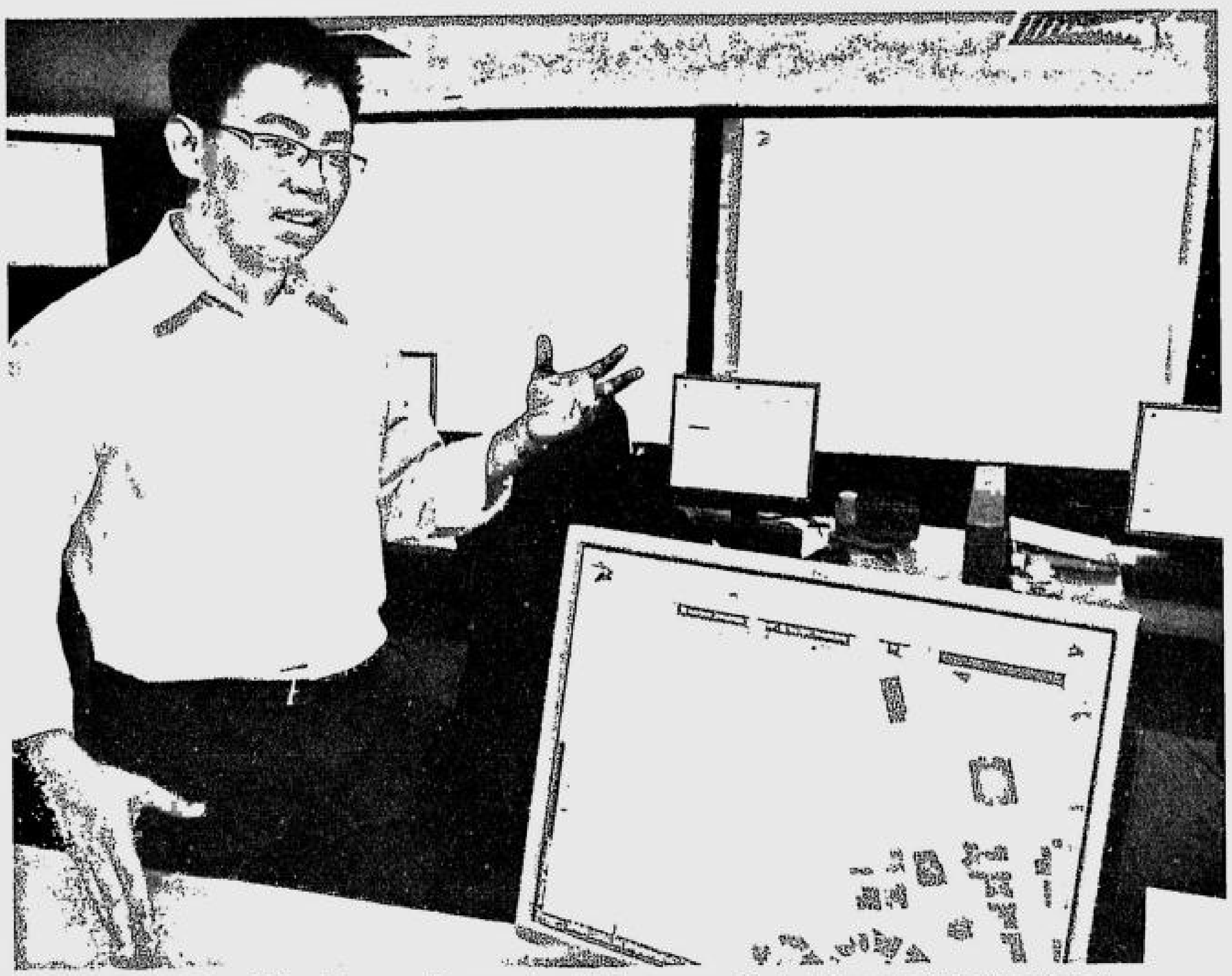

JEJOMAR Erwin Binay, Makati Command's supervisor: "What we are after is to have the 911 system here."

PHOTOS BY EDWIN BACASMAS

24-hour emergency response network launched on Sept. 11

By Tarra V. Quismundo

AT THE TOP FLOOR OF THE 22-STORY Makati City Hall—standing like a sentinel over the city—is the financial capital's most expensive government office to be set up so far.

This is where the city's version of the United States' 911, the Makati Command, Control and Communication Center or C3, is situated—a P30 million facility which aims to provide quick response to any emergency within the city.

The estimated response time to any call for help made to 168, the quick-dial number: Five minutes flat.

"What we are after is to have the 911 system here. With the 168 program, we can incorporate everything and at the same time, we can divide labor easily. When you converge all the (emergency response) services, you could distribute labor and you would know which one to call," said Councilor Jejomar Erwin Binay, concurrent C3 supervisor and son of the Makati mayor.

C3 links up the city's medical and protective services: The Makati Police Station, Makati Fire Department, Makati Rescue, Ospital ng Makati (OsMak), the Makati Disaster Coordinating Council and the local government offices on environmental services, engineering, public services and social welfare.

After months of testing and fine-tuning, Makati Command started operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week last Sept. 11, a date chosen to coincide with the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks in the United States—a catastrophe which the city hopes to avoid by building up its emergency response and management capabilities.

First of its kind

Binay said the facility is the first of its kind in Metro Manila that is funded by a local government.

"Makati is a model city and almost everything that we do here is replicated in other cities. So we have taken it upon ourselves to be at the forefront," said the councilor, also the brains behind the multi-awarded Makati Rescue team.

A massive undertaking that took two years to set up, C3 boasts of the best technology and equipment necessary to meet the demanding task of emergency management.

To get into the Makati Command headquarters, all personnel must first undergo electronic verification of their thumbprints.

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GMA 7 TV news reporter killed in Nova road mishap

By Nancy C. Carvajal

A TV NEWS REPORTER WAS killed in a vehicular accident in Novaliches at dawn yesterday.

Dan Campilan, of GMA 7, suffered serious injuries when the car he was driving collided with a bus on Quirino Highway in Novaliches, Quezon City at around 5:30 a.m., a traffic investigator said.

P02 Ferdinand Paglinawan said the 25-year-old reporter was declared dead by doctors at San Lazaro Hospital in Novaliches nearly two hours later.

Paglinawan added that Campilan's car, a Toyota Corolla, smashed into a Mayamy bus bound for Sta. Cruz, Manila.

According to reports from radio station dzBB, the reporter was on his way to Bulacan when the incident happened.

Paglinawan reported that the bus driver, whom he identified as Danilo Cruz de Vera, 29, surrendered to authorities immediately after the incident.

He said De Vera claimed the reporter's car suddenly appeared in front of his bus.

De Vera would undergo testing for alcohol or drugs, the policeman added.

He would also be charged with homicide and damage to property, Paglinawan said.

According to GMA 7's news department, Campilan, a resident of Mabolo, Cebu City, first worked with Bombo Radyo after graduating from the Cebu Institute of Technology.

CAMPILAN

He covered the MV Asia South Korea tragedy in December 1999 before he was assigned to the national news beat for the radio station's news center in Makati City.

Campilan also covered the Justice and Malacañang beats, the impeachment trial and subsequent January 2001 uprising that led to the ouster of President Joseph Estrada.

From Bombo Radyo, he moved on to RPN 9 where he worked as a reporter for two years before joining GMA News in June 2004.

Campilan was the eldest of six children and was reported to be his family's sole breadwinner.

The reporter's body would be brought to Cebu City where his family is based.

THE REPORTER'S car, a Toyota Corolla, which collided with a bus. Campilan was reportedly on his way to Bulacan when the accident happened.

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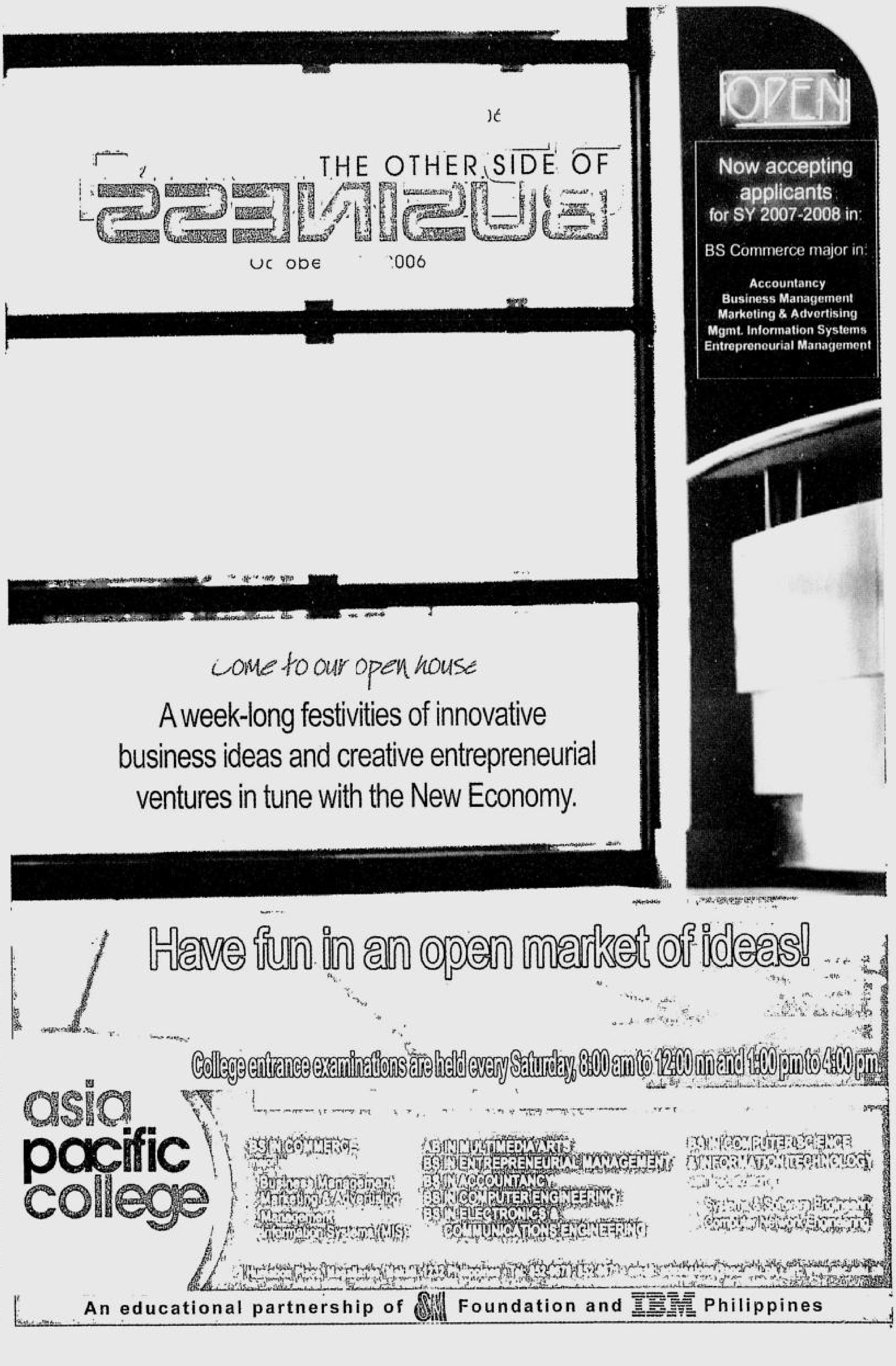

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Heavy traffic on Edsa; stay at home, says MMDA

By Jocelyn R. Uy

AVOID EDSA TODAY OR BETTER yet, stay at home.

Major repairs being carried out on some portions of the main thoroughfare's southbound lane have been causing heavy traffic since Friday night.

But the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) assured motorists that the repairs would be finished by 5 a.m. tomorrow.

Passable tomorrow

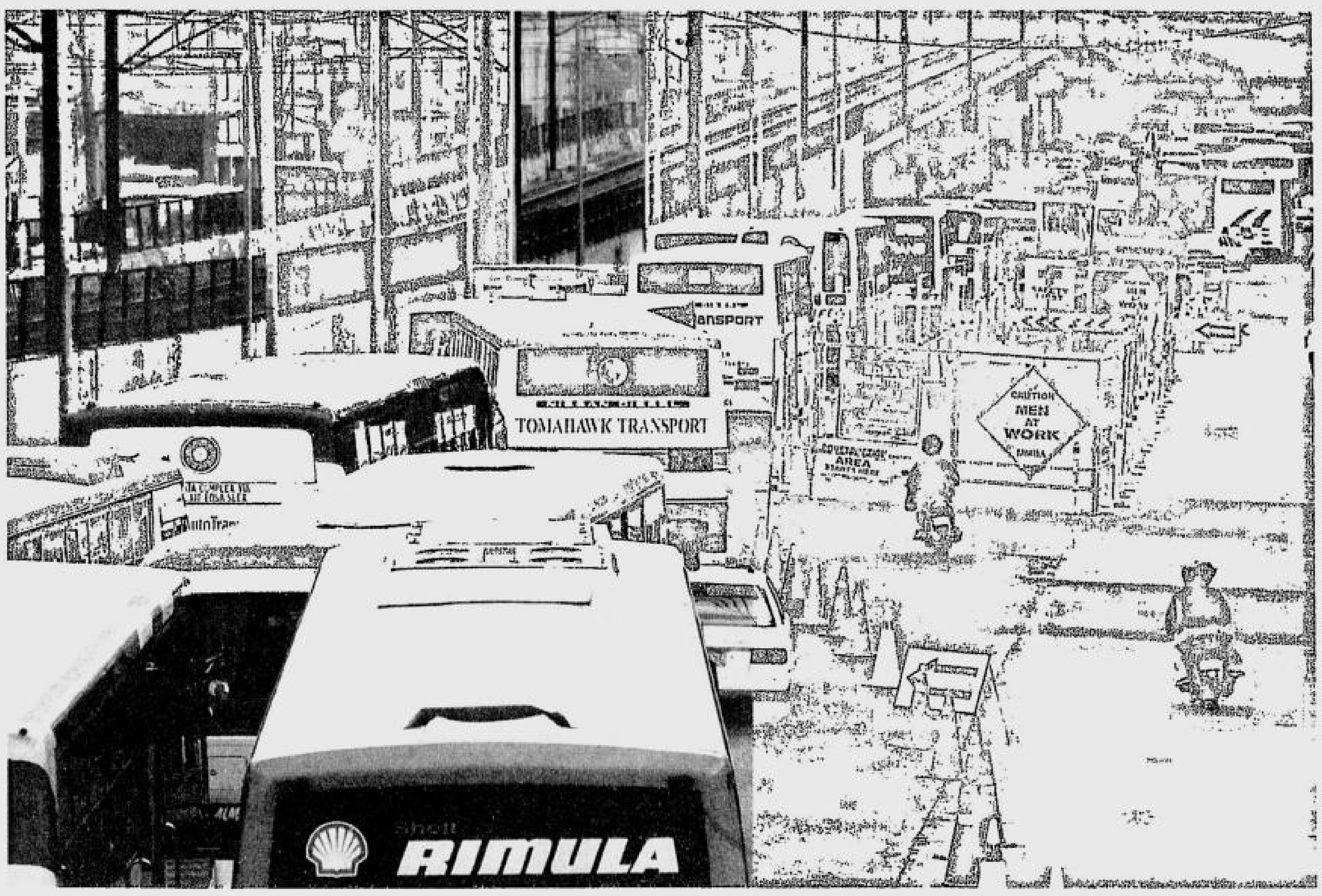
"It will already be passable to motorists by 6 a.m. on Monday," MMDA Traffic Operations Center executive director Angelito Vergel de Dios told the INQUIRER over the phone yesterday.

Concrete road reblocking is being done on Connecticut and New York Streets in Cubao, Quezon City and in Guadalupe, Makati City, he said.

Alternate route

He advised motorists bound for the southern part of Metro Manila to take the Mandaluyong-Makati Bridge to avoid traffic.

"If they are going to some important business, they should take that bridge. If not, it would be better if they stayed at home to lessen the volume of traffic along Edsa," he suggested.



BUSES crawling along Edsa as far as the eye can see due to road repairs. The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority says the work will be completed by tomorrow. JOAN BONDOC

Metro police distribute book on surviving in urban jungle

By Jocelyn R. Uy

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION on possible criminal gangs which could be lurking in your neighborhood? Want to know what to do in the face of danger?

The National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) has produced 5,000 copies of a 23-page manual containing pointers on how residents in Metro Manila can survive in the urban jungle.

Senior Supt. Agrimero Cruz Jr., NCRPO community relations division chief, told the INQUIRER yesterday that the booklets were distributed in barangays and schools in the metropolis.

Cruz said that being the frontliners of the Philippine National Police in Metro Manila, the NCRPO's priority are eradicating illegal drugs, clearing streets of petty crimes and arresting kidnappers, bank robbers and car thieves.

Coming up with the Crime Prevention Tips booklet was in line with its responsibility of policing the metropolis, he added.

"Solving crimes and increasing police visibility are not enough. They are purely reactive. What we want is to teach residents how to take care of themselves and avoid being victims of crimes," Cruz said.

He added that the booklet was not only aimed at educating residents of Metro Manila but also their relatives and friends from the provinces. It can also come in handy for businessmen, foreign and local tourists visiting the metropolis, he said.

The booklet enumerates the various robbery groups—the "Ipit Gang," "Laglag Barya Gang," the "Budol-Budol Gang," and the "Tutok-Kalawit Gang"—operating in Metro Manila. It also explains in detail their modus operandi and the areas where they operate.

The manual also contains suggestions on how to prevent robbers from breaking into one's house or commercial establishment; how to detect possible explosive devices and what to do during bombing incidents and bomb threats.

"Most of the people are not aware of how to conduct themselves in times of emergency. The book also constantly reminds our readers that the worst thing they can do is to fight their attacker," Cruz explained.

The manual also discusses drug abuse and how parents and teachers can protect their children and students from illegal drugs.

Cruz added that they are working on updating the manual and improving its contents and later publishing it under the title: "How to Survive the Concrete Jungle."

METROBRIEFS

Suspected robber killed

A SUSPECTED robber was killed while two of his victims were injured during a holdup incident in a passenger jeepney before midnight on Friday in Taguig City. Case investigator SPO2 Gracio Cangco identified the suspect as John Talla. His victims, Felipe Chui, was shot in the ankle while Lester Bernardo sustained a cut in the hand. Initial investigation disclosed that Talla and two other suspects boarded the jeepney on the East Service Road near Gate-3, Fort Bonifacio in Barangay Western Bicutan, at around 11:45 p.m. Friday. After declaring a heist, Talla and a passenger figured in a tug-of-war for the latter's bag, prompting a policeman, PO1 Timoteo Ngaosi, who was also a passenger, to fire a warning shot. Talla then took out a knife and tried to stab Bernardo, prompting the policeman to shoot him. The suspect died on the spot while Chui was hit by a stray bullet.

Jocelyn R. Uy

Still waiting for a reply

ENVIRONMENTAL advocates have renewed their appeal to the Manila government to allow them to enter the Arroceros Forest Park so they could care for trees that were damaged by Typhoon "Milenyo." Regina Paterno, president of park caretaker Winner Foundation, said they have yet to receive Mayor Lito Atienza's response to their request. She added that she intends to write another letter to Atienza, reiterating their appeal. Winner has organized a group of volunteers, including students from the University of the Philippines, to rescue fallen trees and do the necessary replanting. Paterno lamented that they have been continuously denied access to the park by security guards reportedly upon Atienza's orders. "The security officers claimed they have specific orders not to allow members of our group and the media to enter the park," Paterno added. She also said that it has been the group's mission to preserve the forest park, which was renamed as the People's Botanical Park by the city government. "It's the only surviving urban forest in Manila, so we want to save whatever can be saved," she added.

Tina G. Santos

Free clinic day

SOME 2,000 tricycle drivers, operators and their families received quality care from doctors and personnel of St. Luke's Medical Center during the hospital's "free clinic day" last week. The medical and dental mission was conducted on the Quezon City Hall grounds during a program that marked the third year of St. Luke's medical outreach program. The beneficiaries underwent free ambulatory, medical, dental or surgical procedures, as well as diagnostic, ancillary and therapeutic services. Before the conduct of the free clinic, Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and Robert Kuan, chair of the hospital's board of trustees, formally opened the free clinic with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. "Good health and affordable health care are visible in Quezon City," said Belmonte. The mayor also expressed his commitment to increasing the city's investment in primary health care.

DJ Yap

Emergency in Makati City? Dial 168

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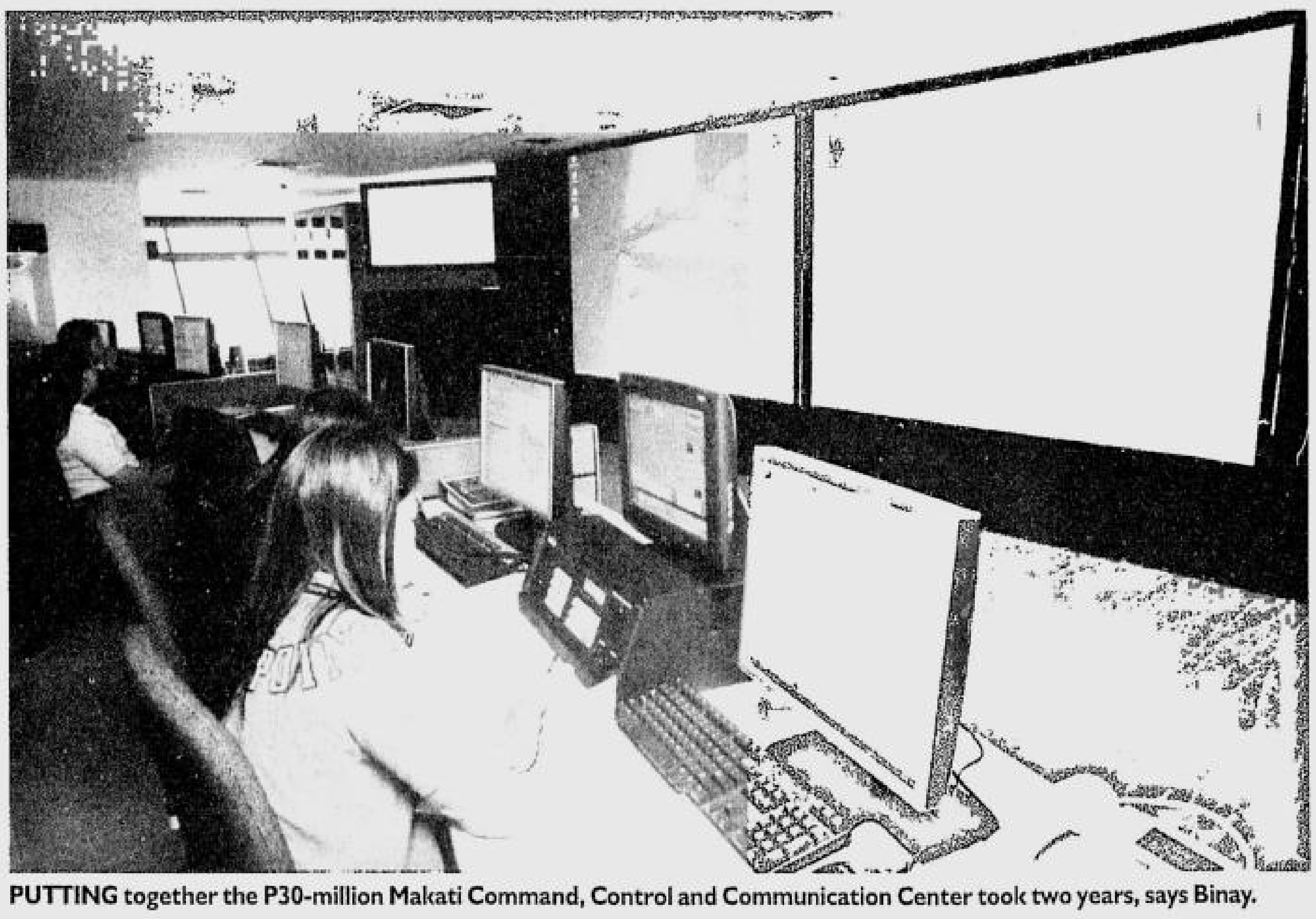

PUTTING together the P30-million Makati Command, Control and Communication Center took two years, says Binay.

Inside its separate call-taking and dispatching rooms, top-of-the line computers are brought to life by a customized software that was specifically made for the command center.

User-friendly system

The sophisticated software makes use of a user-friendly system that guides the caller, call taker, dispatcher and emergency personnel every step of the way.

"For example, there is an emergency call. The call taker would link the call to the dispatcher, then the incident is classified. Do we need a doctor? Or should we just refer the incident to the barangay? Then we determine which responding unit is closest," Binay explained.

At the heart of the system is a database of residential phone numbers, which C3 personnel are gradually encoding from telephone directories. When a call is received, the number automatically registers on a detailed virtual map of Makati, allowing the call taker to trace the source of the call.

The system also works as a safeguard against pranksters.

"We are only beginning to use the system so I can't expect a large volume of calls yet. It's really in the infancy stage right now. But it's there. When they (people) realize that service is fast, then people would start using it," Binay said.

Alternate numbers

Besides 168, C3 also receives emergency calls through its other hotline numbers: 8701920, 8701923 and 8701929. Only calls coming from within Makati, however, would be entertained.

Binay said encoding of telephone numbers is halfway through, as each one has to be verified, specifically the owner's name and address. C3 personnel also plan to encourage residents to have their unlisted phone numbers registered strictly for emergency purposes.

"So even if you are in a severe emergency and you cannot speak on the phone, we would see on the map where the call is coming from and immediately send a responder," he added.

Through its records management capacity, the multitasking software could also be used to compile data on each emergency response for later analysis.

"Through data collection, we could now determine, for instance, crime-prone areas or places with high incidence of dengue cases and we have information that can be used for policy decision," said Binay.

In the future, the software could even collate data on people, including their criminal records, personal background, photograph and even fingerprints.

Also reflected on the virtual map are the location of at least 30 response vehicles equipped early this year with locators. These include police patrol cars, vehicles of the Department of Public Services, OsMak ambulances, Makati Rescue's emergency vehicles and its multimillion peso rescue truck.

The system can track down each vehicle's move and immediately know if it has gone beyond city limits or has turned off its locator.

"We can determine what is the nearest unit to the location of an emergency. At the same time, we can determine the time they arrive on the scene. We can actually see them on the screen while they are moving," Binay said.

C3's main dispatching area has a projection wall and two large flat television screens where personnel can switch on the virtual map and view calls and response information at any given time.

Ready for 'the big one'

The display monitors can be seen from a glass-paneled war room, where the city's emergency managers can brainstorm on response procedure in case Makati is hit by "the big one," said Binay, whether it be a powerful earthquake, a deadly bomb attack or a strong typhoon.

Dispatching is meanwhile trafficked through two integrated radio consoles, fitted with a touch screen for quick access to the needed responding unit. Edwin Aguilar, among the senior members of the C3 team, said the consoles can access radio communication coming from different frequencies.

C3 is manned by at least 40 personnel, including call takers, dispatchers, a police officer and fire official, who work in three eight-hour shifts throughout the day. Because of the nature of their job, they are given monthly stress debriefings to maintain their emotional and psychological health, Binay said.

Rigid training

With modules City Hall crafted especially for C3, the facility's personnel were trained beforehand on handling emergency calls, from crime and fire incidents, to medical emergencies.

Binay said C3 personnel also underwent first aid seminars so they can give immediate guidance to a caller in need of medical attention while waiting for responders to arrive on the scene.

City Hall is currently looking for a director who can handle emergency management for Makati Command. Binay said they have yet to find a person who has both the background and field experience necessary to head the office.

With the system in place, C3 is gradually moving to the second phase of making its presence known, he added.

In the coming months, Makati Command would also install video monitors at major intersections to provide the center with traffic information as well as to give those manning it a view of anything happening anywhere in the city.

Eyes everywhere

Cameras to be installed would be able to zoom in—allowing them to capture faces and the plate numbers of vehicles—and to pan, to follow any moving target.

"It will help us in getting traffic information and, for instance, motorcycles involved in a robbery. If they happen to pass through an area [with video monitors], then we could zoom in, to look at the plate number and later trace it," Binay said.

Also under the second phase of the project implementation is the automatic routing of all emergency calls to police and fire stations and other public service numbers to C3 for centralized call taking and dispatching.

"The challenge for us now is for people to again have trust in 168, because for the longest time, it has been used as the number to call to report problems about garbage or power outages. We have to shift the use of this three-digit number to emergency purposes," said Binay.

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This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world, and wherever work can be contracted to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

They are making music like they never left home

MUSICAL AMBASSADORS. Pinoy musicians Alvin and Lea are star performers at the Marriott Hotel's Corniche Bar.

CHRISTIAN V. ESGUERRA

By Christian V. Esguerra

BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA—They're humming popular Pinoy love songs "Matud-nila" and "Dahil Sa'yo" in this bustling international seaport, south of Seoul.

Koreans, as well as Japanese and Russians, who comprise the biggest foreign communities in what is now South Korea's second largest city and summer capital, have also recently taken to "Paano," the song popularized by Nonoy Zuniga and Pops Fernandez (*Paano kung wala ka na, Paano ba ang mag-isa …*)

Of course, the all-time favorite Pinoy song here and in other northeast Asian cities is still Freddie Aguilar's "Anak," a parent's lament about a child gone astray.

Credit for popularizing Original Pilipino Music in the region goes to the Pinoy musicians who perform in many hotels and music lounges. Its particular success in Busan, a modern metropolis of four million people, can currently be traced to the Marriott Hotel's Corniche Bar where two Pinoy musicians—Alvin Ondoy, 36, and Lea Alafriz, 33—are making waves.

'Anak' most requested

Alvin, a native of Cebu who has been making the rounds of Korean hotels since 1996, says "Anak" is so popular that they usually get requests for them to sing it at least three nights in a week. The crowd listens intently, then breaks out in thunderous applause at the end of the song, he reports.

Lea, a long-time band singer in Baguio who arrived here in 2001, adds that now other Pinoy songs are gaining fans in Busan, which hosted the 2002 Asian Games and the 2005 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit.

Pinoy musicians get competition from Russian and Bulgarian singers, among others. But Alvin thinks Filipino performers are more flexible in their musical renditions and are able to pick up foreign languages more easily, probably because of the inherent richness of their mother tongue.

Their success secret, in fact, is that aside from popular Pinoy songs, Alvin and Lea can also sing songs in many other foreign tongues—Spanish, Italian, French, Russian, German, Chinese, Japanese, and, of course, Korean. And when it comes to worldwide Western favorites, like the songs of Frank Sinatra, Patty Austin, Luther Vandross, Mariah Carey, Michael Buble, or The Corrs, the Pinoy singing duo come out tops.

Versatile

Marriott Hotel guests can't get enough of Alvin's soothing voice which, at times, rings like Ewan McGregor's, especially when he performs on the piano, a laptop at hand to assist in his musical arrangements.

Lea's a dead-ringer for our own Lani Misalucha. She can shift effortlessly from soul, R&B, and jazz to pop ballads and disco songs.

The two were drawn to this cold and distant country for basically the same reasons—one professional, the other economic.

"Yes, it pays better here, but we're just as driven by our passion for music," Alvin says. "We love performing and making people happy with our music."

Life is tough in the Philippines even for talented and driven musicians like Alvin and Lea. There's too much competition among so many highly gifted singers, all vying for token fees in small bars and restaurants, they agree.

Single mother

"Back home, singers get paid as low as P150 to P200 for a night's performance," Lea laments in Filipino. It's hard to support oneself or a family on such a meager amount. Lea recalls nights in the mountain city of Baguio when she would move from one bar to another in one night, just to be able to bring home a decent wage. She's a single mother to a 13-year-old boy.

Most requested are 'Anak,' 'Matud-nila,' 'Dahil Sa'yo' and 'Paano' but they also sing the songs close to the hearts of foreign guests

"There's a deluge of young musicians, mostly students. The industry is crowded," adds Alvin, who works to support a wife and two young boys, aged 6 and 1, while helping a nephew and two nieces through college.

Working abroad provides a window of opportunity for the likes of Alvin and Lea.

"They're very appreciative here and it's easier to make them happy," Alvin says of hotel guests in Korea.

In Alvin and Lea, foreigners don't see a "Filipino" singing duo, but simply, two people creating good music together. Lea says their being foreigners surfaces only when they perform foreign language songs, which they specifically practice for, say, a German or Italian guest. And to their credit, they never fail to bring the house down.

Rapport with audience

"We always prepare a song for different foreign guests and they are usually surprised to hear two Filipinos performing songs in their language," she says.

Lea and Alvin also make it a point to keep up-to-date. "The moment a song becomes popular over the radio, we practice it right away." So when a guest requests a new song, they know it.

Their rapport with the audience has helped the duo keep their jobs in top Korean hotels.

Alvin and Lea, however, don't intend to stay in Korea forever.

Alvin says he is giving himself until age 40 before he returns to Cebu City for good. There, he plans to set up a chicken bistro while enjoying the full-time company of wife Michelle and their boys.

Lea says she is just finishing her contract and plans to return to the Philippines and set up a small business, too. She confides that she will probably come home and settle down with her Australian boyfriend of four years. She can't wait to be with her son, who, at 13, is entering a crucial phase.

For all their hard work, the last thing Alvin and Lea want is to be faced with estranged, problem children—like the predicament of the melancholic parent in Freddie Aguilar's hit song "Anak."

Pinoys warned: Don't get lost in translation

By Isabel T. Escoda
Contributor

JAPAN HAS FINALLY AGREED TO allow Filipino nurses and caregivers to work in their country. The permission, reported in news wires, sounds like it was given grudgingly, which is ironic, given that that country has long been granting large numbers of visas to Pinoy female "entertainers" (otherwise termed "sex workers").

It seems Japan has finally seen that countless Pinay nurses have long been working efficiently in the US and Canada.

An agreement to take in 400 nurses and 600 caregivers from the Philippines was signed in Helsinki, Finland, during the recent Asia-Europe Meeting (Asem)—something President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has undoubtedly been making much of.

One proviso says the Pinoys will be required to study Nippongo for six months before receiving on-the-job training. This made me think of what a columnist for London's Financial Times wrote recently about the difficulties of learning Japanese.

The FT columnist said the Japanese themselves generally have difficulty mastering English, and he asked "Why do the Japanese, such brilliant imitators in so many fields, struggle with English?" He mentions a Japanese writer who said that many of his compatriots see the lack of English knowledge as "a badge of honor, evidence (as indeed it is) that Japan resisted colonization." This is certainly very interesting, because it makes one ponder why it is that so many Chinese, and other Asians, are keen to polish their English. That surely doesn't indicate a lack of nationalism but is merely a pragmatic wish to master the universal language of English needed in today's world.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES. Japan is ready to accept 400 Filipino nurses, 600 caregivers

Mastering Nippongo should be a breeze compared to Cantonese

With Japan experiencing a large growth of its graying population, and few of their own people wanting to do the menial work involved in caregiving, Tokyo has obviously been forced to turn to developing countries to supply the demand.

First time

The Agence France Presse reports that "While small in number, (Pinoy importation) marked the first time that Japan, which strictly controls immigration, has accepted foreign workers as part of a bilateral trade pact. If they obtain Japanese state licenses for the jobs within time limits (three years for nurses, four years for caregivers), the Filipinos will be allowed to work in the country on a long-term basis."

Referring to Japan's importation of Pinoy nurses and caregivers, the Asian Wall Street Journal, in its editorial "Greetings, Gaijin," remarked that Japan should indeed provide employment opportunities to people from developing countries because "it's a virtuous cycle that benefits everyone."

Tone down inborn liveliness

It pointed out that foreigners have to live in Japan for a decade before being able to obtain foreign residency, and that among its requirements is the stricture stipulating that the foreigner "does not invite social criticism." So perhaps, in order to adjust to that conservative society, the naturally chirpy Pinays will have to tone down their inborn liveliness.

Learning Nippongo will surely be a breeze for the new migrant workers, if one compares it to learning Cantonese, which must be one of the hardest languages in the world to master. The linguists who ponder on which is the most difficult language of all have various opinions. Some call Serbo-Croat the toughest, while others say it's German. There are those who point to an obscure African language where speech is composed of various ululations and tongue clicks.

Toughest language

I agree about German—where else do you find several words run together to indicate something fairly simple, as in "vergangenheitsbewaltigung" which means "coming to terms with the past"? But as far as I'm concerned, Cantonese is the toughest nut to crack.

In Hong Kong, it's the rare Pinay who can speak Cantonese fluently. It's simple enough to memorize the words in romanized form, but using the right tones for the words is something else. For many years, when newly settled in the colony, I'd ask a taxi driver to take me to the ferry pier for one of the outlying islands where I lived and was usually met with incomprehension. "Cheung Chau" looks simple enough to say, but the sing-song tones required to pronounce the words can be discombobulating to the foreigner whose brain isn't hotwired for exotic languages.

Wrong tones

There's the tale of a Western lady who once went to practice her Cantonese among the natives at a dai-pai-dong (roadside eatery) on the same island I was living on. During her conversation, she couldn't understand why the Chinese were shocked, then laughed uproariously when she told them her businessman-husband was constantly flying on planes. She had the wrong tones and the words came out sounding like "shooting planes"—which is the Cantonese expression for masturbating!

Pinay migrant workers who have married Chinese men may have better chances of learning the language properly (unless their husbands are keen to improve their English, or perhaps even learn Tagalog). But by and large, the language can defeat anyone who tries to remember all the confusing tonalities and word variations that can easily trip up the most assiduous student.

Sometimes on flights to Cebu or Manila, I marvel at the Pinays conversing fluently with their European husbands in their language. But I've seldom heard traveling Pinay wives talking Cantonese with their Hong Kong husbands (instead they use pidgin English). As I said, it's a difficult language to learn.

The WORLD

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N. Korea said to be 'ready' to test A-bomb in coal mine

BEIJING—NORTH KOREA IS "MORE OR LESS READY" TO conduct a nuclear test deep inside an abandoned coal mine but might hold off it can win concesssions from the United States, a Chinese source briefed by Pyongyang said on Friday.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a device would be detonated about 2,000 meters (6,500 feet) inside a mine near the border with China in the north of the country.

North Korean leader Kim Jong-il had issued instructions that the test should "not excessively rock" Mount Paektu, a nearby peak many Koreans consider sacred.

"They are more or less ready," the source told Reuters after speaking to North Korean officials. He did not give a timetable.

His comments could not be independently confirmed, but South Korea newspapers reported that although there were thousands of mine shafts that could be used for a test. Seoul and neighboring countries were closely monitoring three or four sites.

The Hankook Ilbo newspaper said the most likely site was the administrative district of Gilju in North Hamkyung province.

This was the area mentioned in a report by US television network ABC news in August that an American intelligence agency had observed suspicious vehicle movements as a suspected nuclear test site.

Hankook Ilbo said a test would not have to take place in Gilju since there are so many disused mine shafts, and named the districts of Hagab and Shijung in the province of Jagang, which shares a border with China, as potential sites.

"Finding the test site beforehand would be akin to finding a needle in the Han River," it said.

The Chinese source said Pyongyang "may not necessarily test," and would hold off if Beijing and other Asian powers could convince the United States to lift sanctions and open dialogue.

New Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is due to visit China on Sunday and South Korea the next day for summits to repair ties frayed by feuds over their wartime past. But North Korea's nuclear threat will grab a top spot on the agenda.

South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun visits China, North Korea's closest ally and major donor, next Friday.

"The bilaterals will be useless unless they can talk the United States into changing its attitude and respecting North Korea's sovereignty," the Chinese source said.

Pyongyang has boycotted six-country talks aimed at persuading it to abandon its atomic arms program for almost a year since the United States froze its assets in a Macau bank.

Washington has said the move is part of a crackdown on suspected North Korean counterfeiting, money-laundering and drug-trafficking. *Reuters*

SOUTH KOREAN soldiers move along the barbed-wire fence as they patrol the border line in the demilitarized zone between the two Koreas at Panmunjom, north of Seoul, in this April 8, 1996 photo. AP

Amish girl, trying to save the others, asked to be shot first

AMISH on their way to the funeral procession of Anna Mae Stoltzfus, 12, a victim of the Amish School shooting. AFP

GEORGETOWN, PENNSYLANIA—UNDER A cold, steady drizzle, the Amish drove in horse and buggy to a farmland cemetery Friday to bury the fifth of five girls shot to death by an intruder as new details emerged of heroism inside their schoolhouse.

Two of the survivors of the shooting told their parents that 13-year-old Marian Fisher, one of the slain girls, asked to be shot first, apparently hoping the younger girls would be let go, according to Leroy Zook, an Amish dairy farmer. His daughter, Emma Mae Zook, was the teacher who ran from the schoolhouse to a farm to summon police.

Amish builder David Lapp said Marian's younger sister Barbie, who is recovering from gunshot wounds, provided one of the accounts.

"Her sister remembers it, Barbie," Lapp said.

Trooper Linette Quinn said investigators have not conducted any interview that confirms the story but also said the investigation is incomplete.

Parents of two of the surviving victims have also told Leroy Zook that the children questioned Roberts after the adults left.

"They just asked him why he's doing this. He said he's angry with God," Zook said.

On Friday, more than 40 buggies splashed along country roads behind a funeral-home car, two mounted state troopers and a carriage with the body of 12-year-old Anna Mae Stoltzfus in a hand-sawn wooden coffin.

Four other girls killed during Monday's shootings, two of them sisters, were laid to rest Thursday at the same hilltop graveyard.

All roads into Nickel Mines village were again blocked, and the funeral procession, like those Thursday, passed the home of Charles Carl Roberts IV, the 32-year-old milk truck driver who took the 10 girls, ages 6 to 13, hostage, tied them up and shot them before killing himself.

One of the surviving girls was reported to be in grave condition. The county coroner said he had been told she was being taken off life support, but her location was not known Friday. The four other girls remain hospitalized.

Funerals for Fisher, 13, Naomi Rose Ebersol, 7, and sisters Mary Liz Miller, 8, and Lena Miller, 7, were held Thursday.

New details also emerged Friday about the scene outside the schoolhouse.

Lapp, the builder, said he was told there was a gunman at the school and arrived before police, stopping a few hundred yards from the school.

"It was a feeling of helplessness," Lapp said.

He saw all the boys in the school escape through a side door, jump a fence and then huddle together in a meadow. Lapp watched police storm the building and heard the gunfire.

"We just started shaking. There were a couple of us by then," he said.

There were about 15 boys, ages 6 to 13, in the school.

"They're still in shock ... They have this glazed look in their eyes," woodworker Daniel Esh, whose three grandnephews were in the school, said earlier this week. "They'll heal, but it will affect them their whole lives." *AP*

WORLDBRIEFS

Increasing pressure, Russia deports Georgians

MOSCOW—Russia deported 153 citizens of Georgia on Friday as a wave of punitive measures against Georgian migrants and businesses grew, prompting criticism that the government is carrying out an ethnically motivated campaign of harassment. The deportations came at the end of a week of political and diplomatic conflict between Russia and Georgia that began with the arrests of four Russian military officers for espionage and that has shown little sign of easing despite the officers' release. The police, who had already begun to shutter some businesses linked to Georgians, searched and closed still more on Friday, including two more casinos and two of Moscow's better-known Georgian restaurants, according to accounts of officials and news organizations. At least some schools in Moscow received requests from the police to list students with Georgian names, presumably to help in identifying illegal immigrants, prompting a complaint from an education official, Lyubov Kezina. *NYT*

White House aide quits over lobbyist ties

WASHINGTON—The latest casualty in the scandal surrounding lobbyist Jack Abramoff was a key aide to presidential political strategist Karl Rove who once worked for the disgraced influence-peddler. Susan Ralston stepped down Friday from her post as a special assistant to President George W. Bush. A congressional report showed she had extensive contacts with Abramoff and had accepted tickets to sporting events and concerts from him. Corruption and scandal are major issues going into the Nov. 7 congressional elections, in which Republicans are trying to keep their majority in Congress. Ralston's resignation followed accusations that her contacts with Abramoff showed he was closer to Rove and Bush than the White House has been willing to acknowledge. *AP*

4,000 Iraqi cops killed in line of duty–US general

BAGHDAD—Around 4,000 Iraqi policemen have been killed performing their duties over the past two years, a US commander involved in their training said, adding that another 8,000 have been wounded. Major General Joseph Peterson, who commands the US training teams standing up the fledgling force, maintained that, despite the losses, great strides have been made in preparing the country's security forces. Police patrols take the brunt of insurgent bomb attacks, which their unarmored sports utility vehicles are particularly vulnerable to *AFP*

US says it has won agreement to penalize Iran

LONDON—THE UNITED STATES SAID IT had won agreement on Friday from the other four permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany to seek sanctions against Iran over its refusal to shut down a nuclear enrichment program that could be used to build bombs.

While the State Department praised the agreement, which was reached at a one-day meeting here of senior officials from the six nations, American diplomats conceded that there could still be long and difficult negotiations over what penalties to impose and their timing.

Indeed, none of the other nations here—Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia—issued such an explicit statement after the meeting. In the past, China and Russia have both said they would be wary of sanctions against Iran despite its defiance of international demands to end nuclear enrichment.

R. Nicholas Burns, the American undersecretary of state for political affairs, said after the meeting that whatever the other nations' diplomatic language, "What we've got is an agreement to go to the Security Council" to punish Iran.

But he admitted the issue was far from decided. "I think there's going to be a spirited debate about what kind of sanctions should be agreed to."

Burns was the senior American negotiator at the talks for the most of the day because Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who traveled here from Iraq, was delayed when her military jet—and its replacement—developed mechanical problems, stranding her in the northern Kurdish city of Erbil for about two hours.

The German foreign minister, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, who attended the London meeting, may have come closest to the American statement when he told ZDF television on Friday that "if there is no new decision from inside the Iranian leadership, there is at present no alternative to having the Security Council deal with this conflict."

The London meeting was called after the European Union foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, acting on behalf of the six nations, reported this week that he had reached a stalemate in negotiations with the Iranians over curtailing their nuclear program. *NYT*

Text-sex scandal may cause GOP to lose poll

WASHINGTON—OPPOSITION DEMOcrats are reaping a surge in popularity ahead of key US elections next month on the back of a congressional sex scandal that has left Republican leaders reeling, according to polls released Friday.

But President George W. Bush has again backed House of Representatives speaker Dennis Hastert who has faced calls for his resignation over the party leadership's handling of the scandal.

Polls released by Time magazine and USA Today indicated that the Democrats now have a widening lead in opinion polls ahead of the Nov. 7 midterm election for the Senate, House of Representatives and several state governorships.

Time said its poll suggested a scandal over lurid e-mails and instant text messages sent by former representative Mark Foley to teenage Congressional pages had "dented" Republican hopes of retaining control of the Senate and House after Nov. 7.

The Democrats need to win six seats in the 100-member Senate and 15 seats in the 435-member House to take the two chambers.

The magazine said almost 80 percent of the 1,002 people it asked this week were aware of the scandal and believe Republican leaders tried to cover it up. One quarter said it made them less likely to vote Republican.

Among registered voters, 54 percent said they were more likely to vote Democrat and 39 percent favored Republican. Time said the margin has jumped 11 percentage points from a similar poll in June.

A USA Today/Gallup poll of six key states indicated that Democrats were on target to take control of the Senate in the election as the number of Republican-held seats where the Democrats could win has grown.

The scandal and worsening violence in Iraq were undermining Republican support, experts said. Time also said that Iraq was a growing problem for the Republicans as only 39 percent of voters supported Bush's policy in the strife-torn country.

Despite demands from some conservatives for Hastert to step down from his position, Bush telephoned the House speaker to express support for the embattled Republican leader, the White House said.

During the conversation, Bush "said he supports the speaker," according to Dana Perino, a White House spokesperson.

Hastert has faced pressure to resign amid widespread questions about when Republican leaders found out about Foley's messages and why they did not act earlier.

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Foley resigned his Florida seat last Friday over the sexually explicit messages to a young Congress page.

Perino said Bush thanked Hastert Thursday "for making a clear public statement that the speaker took responsibility." The president also "said he appreciated how, when the leadership learned of the lurid e-mails, they swiftly moved to make it clear to Representative Foley that he had to resign, and they promptly asked the Department of Justice for an investigation," Perino said.

On top of a criminal investigation into the e-mails, a House ethics panel has also opened an investigation into the handling of the scandal.

While condemning the e-mails, Democratic lawmakers hope to gain political advantage by standing back and letting the Republicans unravel amid recriminations over the scandal.

"There's an old axiom in politics: never interfere with your opponents when they're in the process of committing suicide," said Larry Sabato, a political expert at the University of Virginia.

The Democratic tone, however, has gotten sharper since Hastert insisted this week that he would not resign.

"This Republican Congress has now completely failed the American people," said the Democratic leader in the Senate, Harry Reid. "We did expect them to protect our kids. It is now clear we expected too much of them." There are risks for the Democrats in crowing too much about the scandal, said Eric Davis, a politics professor at Middlebury College. "They could be blamed for being too negative" by the electorate.

"The Democrats should do not very much, just keep pushing their theme about the congressional elections being a referendum on Bush and the Republican Congress and not do very much about Foley and Hastert at all." *AFP*

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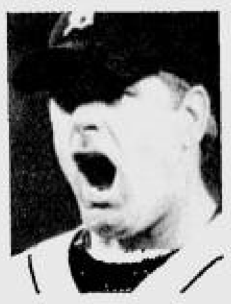
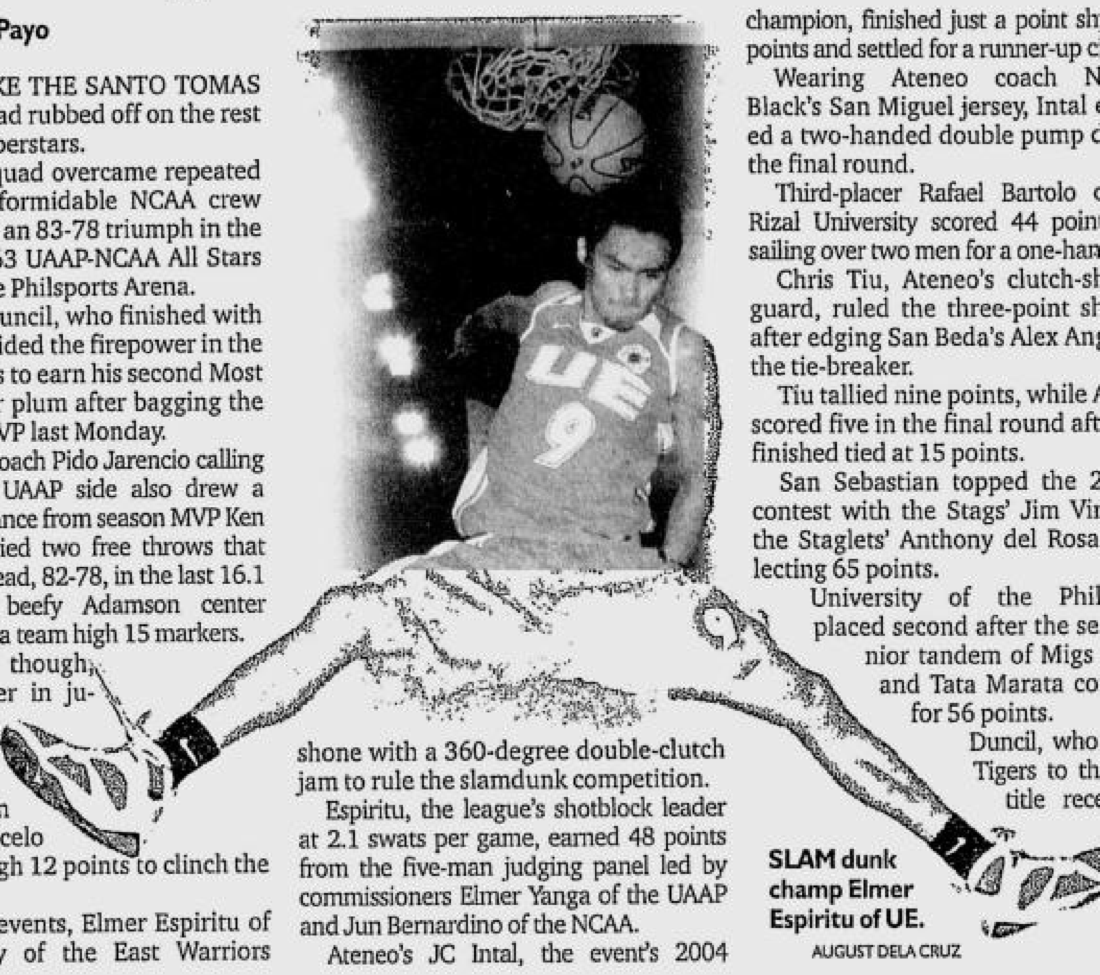


UAAP proves steadier in All-Star tussle

By Jasmine W. Payo



SLAM dunk champ Elmer Espiritu of UE.

AUGUST DELA CRUZ

IT LOOKED LIKE THE SANTO TOMAS Tigers' magic had rubbed off on the rest of the UAAP superstars.

The UAAP squad overcame repeated rallies by the formidable NCAA crew and held on for an 83-78 triumph in the Bantay Bata 163 UAAP-NCAA All Stars yesterday at the Philsports Arena.

UST's Jojo Duncil, who finished with 13 points, provided the firepower in the closing minutes to earn his second Most Valuable Player plum after bagging the UAAP Finals MVP last Monday.

With Tigers coach Pido Jarencio calling the shots, the UAAP side also drew a strong performance from season MVP Ken Bono, who buried two free throws that cushioned the lead, 82-78, in the last 16.1 seconds. The beefy Adamson center wound up with a team high 15 markers.

The NCAA, though, proved steadier in junior action and won, 72-64. San Beda slotman David Marcelo shot a team-high 12 points to clinch the MVP trophy.

In the side events, Elmer Espiritu of the University of the East Warriors shone with a 360-degree double-clutch jam to rule the slamdunk competition.

Espiritu, the league's shotblock leader at 2.1 swats per game, earned 48 points from the five-man judging panel led by commissioners Elmer Yanga of the UAAP and Jun Bernardino of the NCAA.

Ateneo's JC Intal, the event's 2004 champion, finished just a point shy at 47 points and settled for a runner-up citation.

Wearing Ateneo coach Norman Black's San Miguel jersey, Intal executed a two-handed double pump dunk in the final round.

Third-placer Rafael Bartolo of Jose Rizal University scored 44 points after sailing over two men for a one-hand jam.

Chris Tiu, Ateneo's clutch-shooting guard, ruled the three-point shootout after edging San Beda's Alex Angeles in the tie-breaker.

Tiu tallied nine points, while Angeles scored five in the final round after both finished tied at 15 points.

San Sebastian topped the 2-3 ball contest with the Stags' Jim Viray and the Staglets' Anthony del Rosario collecting 65 points.

University of the Philippines placed second after the senior-junior tandem of Migs de Asis and Tata Marata combined for 56 points.

Duncil, who led the Tigers to the UAAP title recently at the expense of the Ateneo Blue Eagles, spearheaded UAAP's recovery in the fourth period by pouring in six straight points for a 78-67 lead.

Rookie MVP Sam Ekwe of San Beda and Philippine Christian University's Jason Castro orchestrated an NCAA comeback in the last three minutes, but could only pull their team within 80-78.

NCAA failed to wrest the lead as Castro and San Beda's Pong Escobal missed successive three-point attempts.

The scores:

First Game (Jrs)

NCAA 72—Marcelo 12, Buenafe 11, Lituania 11, Pascual 10, Kabigting 9, Lanete 6, Wong 4, Gulao 4, Nasayao 3, Lansang 2, Del Rio 0, Soledad 0, Bringas 0.

UAAP 64—Rivera 14, Katipunan 8, Olalla 8, Austria 6, Lopez 5, Gonzaga 5, Balmaceda 4, Espiritu 4, Batac 3, Duran 2, Pagula 2, Reyes 2, Gamboa 1, Knuttel 0.

Quarters: 18-15, 28-30,42-41, 72-64

Second Game (Srs)

UAAP 83—Bono 15, Duncil 13, Cabahug 12, Arellano 9, Chan 8, M. Cruz 7, Evangelista 6, J. Cruz 4, Intal 3, Kramer 3, Borboran 2, Villanueva 1, Asoro 0, Escalona 0.

NCAA 78—Castro 15, Ekwe 12, Misa 10, Aljamal 10, Del Rosario 9, Escobal 7, Viray 5, Garrido 3, Dedicatoria 2, Menor 2, Gamalinda 2, Urra 1, Angeles 0, Mondragon 0.

Quarters: 24-16, 45-33, 69-58, 83-78

Hot Kings topple Giants for 2nd straight victory

By Musong R. Castillo

DUMAGUETE—JONG UICHICO STILL REFUSES TO acknowledge that his Barangay Ginebra squad is the team to beat.

But for the second straight game, one where victory came in the same brutal and lopsided manner as the first, the Kings are sending a different message across.

Barangay Ginebra manhandled defending champion Purefoods, 86-67, in a road game last night at the Lamberto Macias gym here, a win that should have validated the powerhouse status of Uichico's squad in a way the Kings coach said newcomer Welcoat didn't.

But Uichico's not buying into his team's strengths just yet.

"I think it's too early to really gauge how good this team is," he said. "Purefoods is still far from the form that won it the championship last season."

Uichico had earlier argued that the 33-point destruction of the Dragons earlier was mostly smoke and mirrors because Welcoat is a "young team that is still feeling its way around the league."

GAMES TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)
4:05 p.m.—Welcoat vs Coca-Cola
6:30 p.m.—Alaska vs Talk 'N Text

The Kings, who came off a 102-69 thumping of the young and inexperienced Dragons in the formal opening Sunday last week, raced to early double digit leads against the Giants and never looked back to join idle Red Bull for the early elimination round lead at 2-0.

"It's not to say we didn't play a good game," said the former San Miguel mentor. "It's just that this wasn't a real measure of how we'll fare this conference."

Purefoods lent credibility to that argument, starting in the same lazy and hesitant way it did in a 108-99 loss to Talk 'N Text to absorb its second straight loss and languish alone in the cellar.

Ginebra, whose stock was boosted with the acquisition of three reliable big men in the off-season, jumped out of the gates with a 10-2 lead and stretched this to 24-12 after one quarter.

The Kings took a 50-24 lead into the halftime break to practically settle the outcome.

The Giants, who won this tournament in

HOT/ A30

Panel sifts through roster of members

By June Navarro

THE THREE-MAN PANEL HEADED BY BUSINESS tycoon Manny V. Pangilinan started yesterday the arduous task of sifting through the membership of the Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP) and the Pilipinas Basketball (PB) who will be accredited during the national congress of the country's new federation for the sport.

Pangilinan met with BAP president Joey Lina and PB head Bernie Atienza last night to determine the status of the groups, particularly those aligned with the BAP, before the new federation, the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP), holds a national congress on Oct. 10.

"We have to be meticulous in validating the members but the panel hopes to complete everything hopefully by Oct. 10," said Atienza.

Fourteen of the 66 members of the BAP are under question while there are no reports of the PB-affiliated groups being under scrutiny.

The 14 BAP members under the microscope are the Basketball Association of Laguna, Bohol Professional Basketball League, Baguio-Benguet Amateur Basketball League, Air21 Express Basketball Club, Cavite State Collegiate Athletic Association, Cebu Sports Commission, Davao Inter-Church Basketball League, Filipino-Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, Private Inter-Schools Athletic Association, Southern Luzon Colleges and Universities Athletic Association, State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association, Tanduay Basketball Club, Women Basketball League-Davao and Women's National Basketball League.

Validating the members of both associations, including those outside of the national capital region, is expected to take some time. The panel is reviewing the list based on an agreed set of criteria for membership it formulated. The time frame presents a problem for the SBP, which hopes to come up with a set of officers before the Oct. 10 deadline set by the Fiba.

PBL holds rookie camp

TRINIDAD

A GEM FROM THE SOUTH. STARS from the recent UAAP season. These are the guys Chino Trinidad is waiting for to show up once the Philippine Basketball League's rookie camp gets going on Oct. 11 at the JCSGO gym in Cubao.

And even as the PBL chief waits for them to sign up for the camp, he already has a handful of potential superstars eager to strut their wares.

University of the Philippines frontliner Gilbert Buyco, San Sebastian's Jim Bruce Viray, Perpetual Help's Dyreldale Mendoza and MLQU's John Derick Dizon lead the list of close to 40 aspirants tipped to make the camp home to the most talented rookie batch in years.

"It looks promising," said Trinidad.

And those at the wings who are expected to declare their intentions soon make the camp even more mouth-watering for team scouts who will watch the camp that will be run by former pro Joey Guanio.

"We're expecting a lot more standouts to submit their application soon," said Trinidad.

Among those who are tipped to join the camp include the youth standouts of reigning UAAP champion University of Santo Tomas and other standouts from the collegiate varsity league that just wrapped up its season recently.

Far Eastern U's Jonas Villanueva, and the talented NU pair of Edwin Asoro and Jonathan Fernandez are expected to join the camp and emerge top picks during the draft.

But what has Trinidad excited nowadays is the fact that a new standout from the south may emerge from the camp and make a name for himself in the coming PBL tournament, the Silver Cup.

The rookie camp is scheduled from noon to 5 p.m. Entries that fail to meet the Monday deadline will no longer be accepted.

For details, call Lanie Sagayap at 667-3008 or 09 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or visit the PBL office at Unit 2302-A West Tower, Phil. Stock Exchange Centre, Ortigas Center in Pasig City.

Gomez posts 94-move win

NATIONAL MASTER JOHN PAUL Gomez struggled through a 94-mover late Friday to bring home the full point against Chinese Wang Li in their Sicilian Skirmish after the fourth round of the 2006 World Junior Boys and Girls Chess Championship at the Petrosian Chess Housesa Yerevan, Armenia.

With the win, Gomez improved to a 2-1-1 win-loss-draw record for a total of 2.5 points. He climbed to a share of 15th to 36th places in the company of fifth round opponent Fide Master Roman Nechepurenko of Russia.

International Master Nikita Vitiugov of Russia and GM Yuriy Kryvoruchko of Ukraine won their respective matches to share the lead with a perfect 4.0 points.

Vitiugov beat erstwhile co-leader GM Daniel Stellwagen of the Netherlands in 70 moves of a Queens Gambit Declined while Kryvoruchko upset top seed GM Wang Yue after 84 moves of a Sicilian Nadjorf.

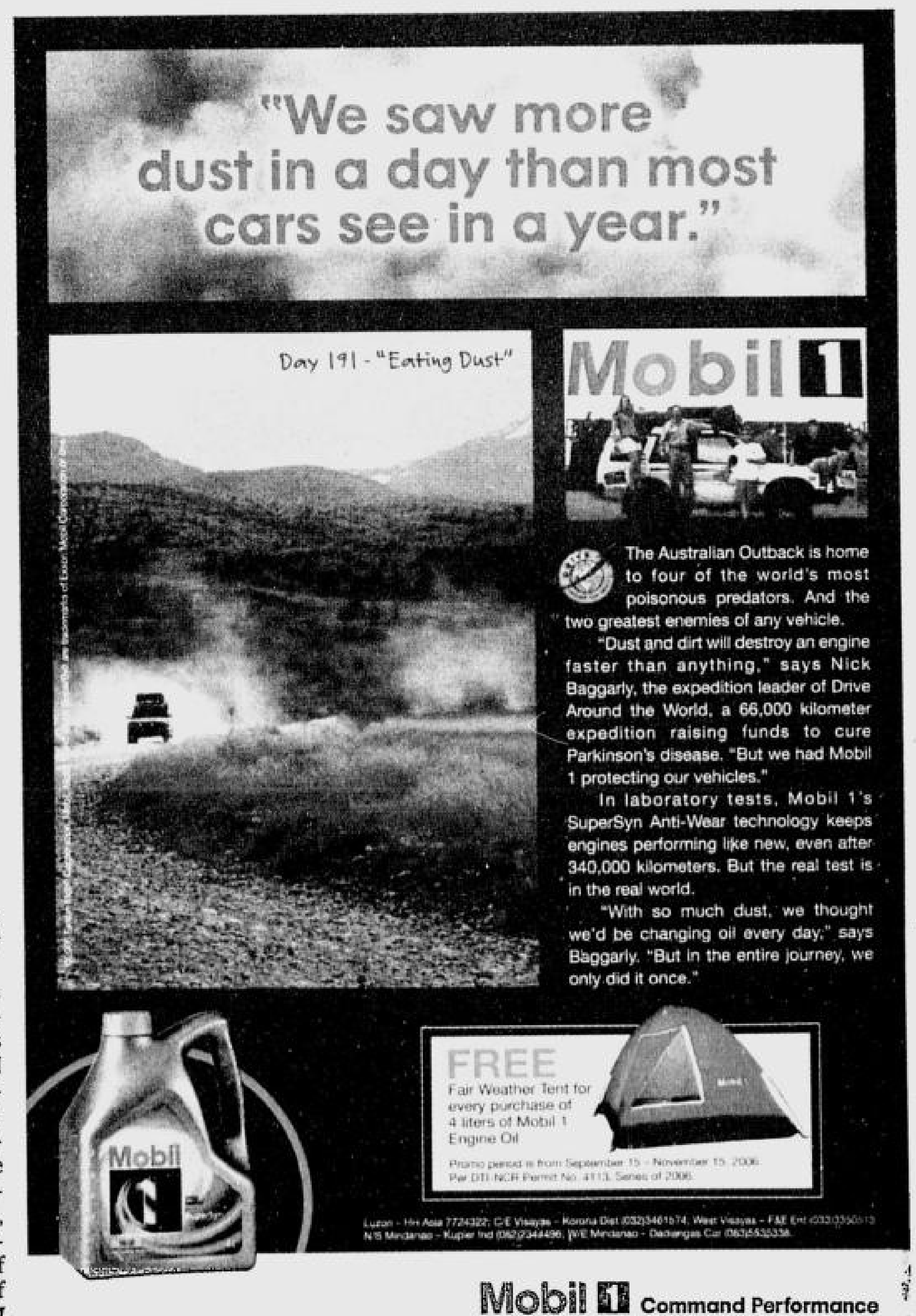
In the girl's 20 and under, WGM Bathuyag Mongontuul of Mongolia bested 12-year-old WFM Yi Fanhou of China in 46 moves of a Closed Sicilian Duel to grab the solo lead with a perfect 4.0 points.

The winner of this event (both division) will automatically earn a GM/WGM title.

Gomez played his first World Junior Tournament five years ago and finished in a tie for 18th to 30th places in the event won by GM Peter Acs of Hungary.

Over in Mallorca, Spian, IM Jayson Gonzales was forced to a draw by Belgian IM Marc Dutreeuw and dimmed his chances of earning his third and last GM result in Round 7 of the 19th International Chess Open Es Vermar late Friday.

Gonzales saw his three-game winning streak snap and settle for a share of the lead with his Round 3 tormentor GM Lazaro Bruzon of Cuba, Dutreeuw, IM Martin Senff of Germany, IM Arturo Vidarte Morales of Peru and IM Georgios Souleides of Greece. They all have 5.5 points. *NM Marlon Bernardino, contributor*



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Bata regains Asian 9-Ball overall title

By Roy Luarca

WHEN EFREN "BATA" Reyes is in form, he's untouchable.

His vision enhanced by laser surgery late last year, Reyes topped two legs and regained the San Miguel Beer (SMB) Asian 9-Ball Tour overall championship with plenty to spare.

The 52-year-old Angeles City pool wizard topped the Vietnam and Jakarta legs of the country-hopping circuit en route to a runaway 190 points, duplicating his reign in the SARS-shortened inaugural edition in 2003 and the five-leg 2004 Tour.

Reyes earned a total of $22,500, peanuts compared to his $500,000 purse in the International Pool Tour World 8-Ball Championship last month, but a source of joy nonetheless.

"I'm very happy, of course," said Reyes in Filipino. "It's not easy to become the overall champ in the Order of Merit because there are other talented players. Apart from my countrymen there are the Taiwanese stars to contend with."

Compatriots Ramil Gallego won the second leg in Bangkok and Rodolfo "Boy Samson" Luat dominated the third leg in Kaoshiung to complete the Filipinos' romp in the region's lone ranking tournament for the World Pool Championship.

Gallego and Luat, who wound up second in the recent US Open in Chesapeake, Virginia, landed seventh and eighth, respectively, in the Order of Merit.

Francisco "Django" Bustamante, despite being unable to end his title-drought in the Asian Tour, finished fifth due to consistent performances in the Kaoshiung, Bangkok and Ho Chi Minh legs.

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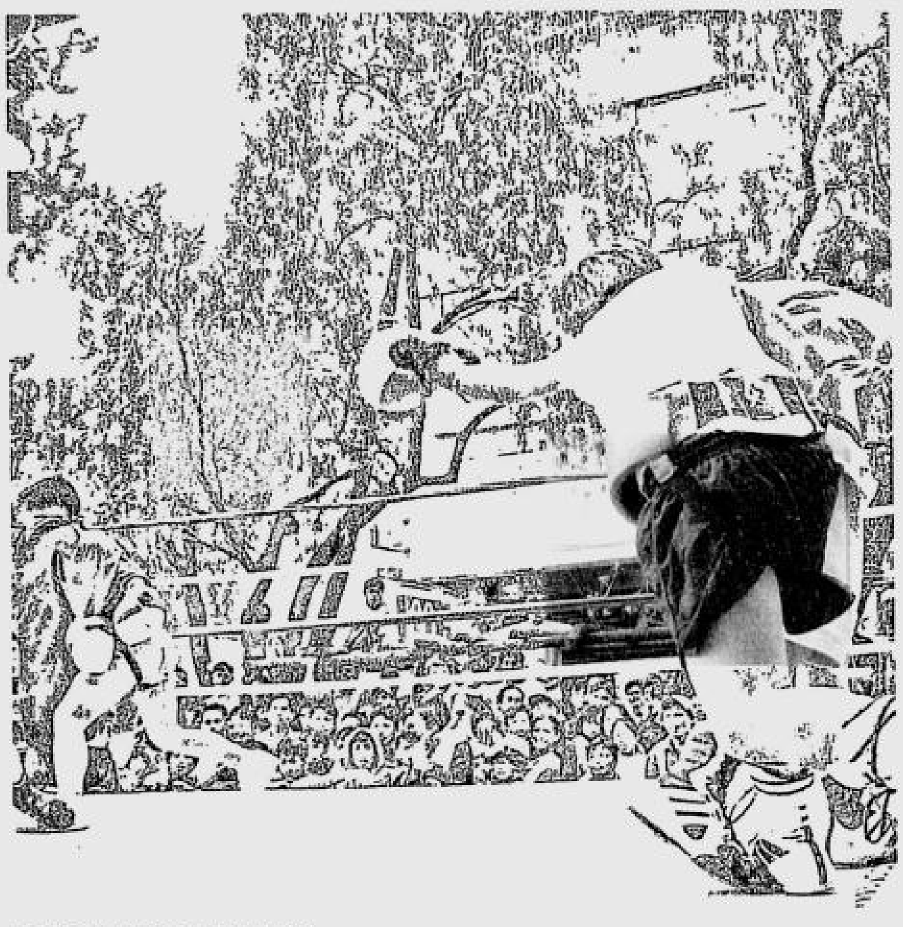

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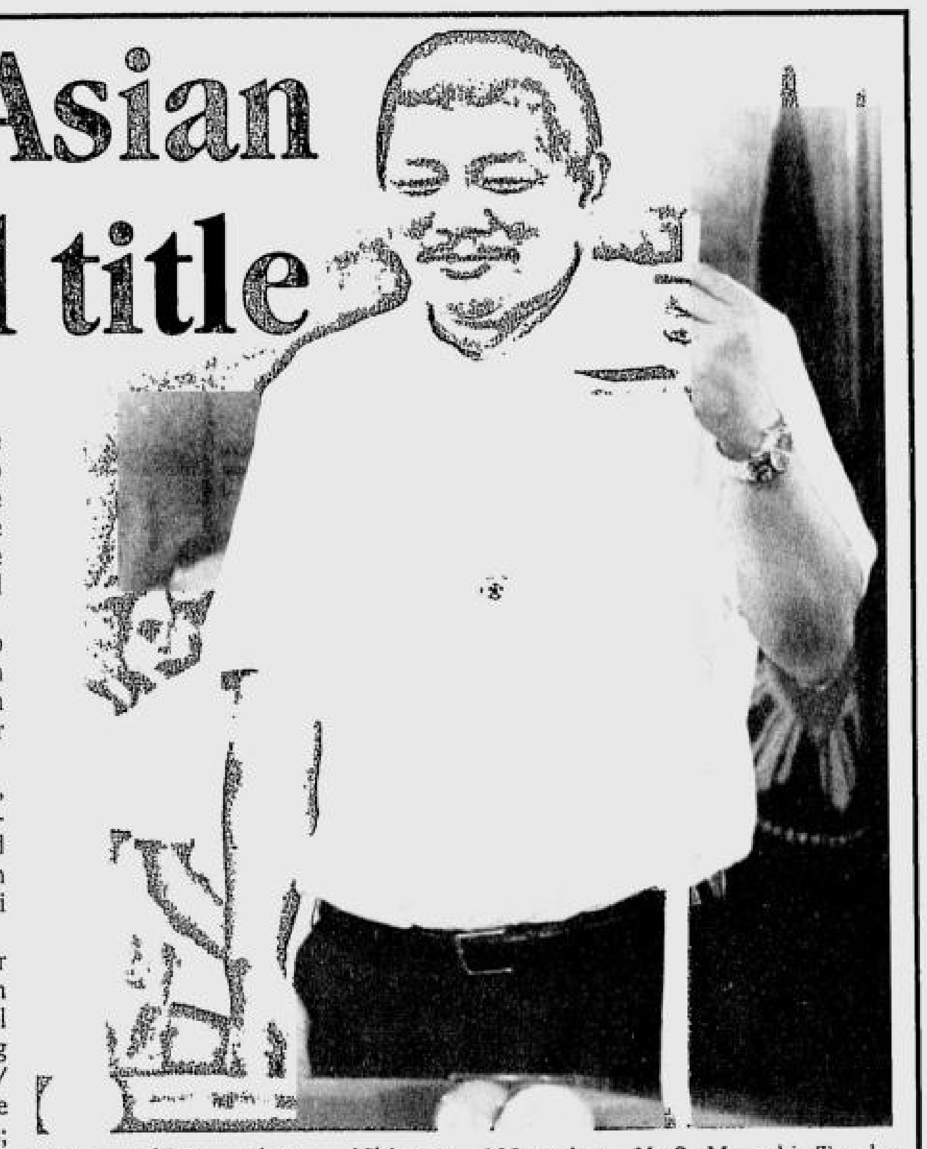

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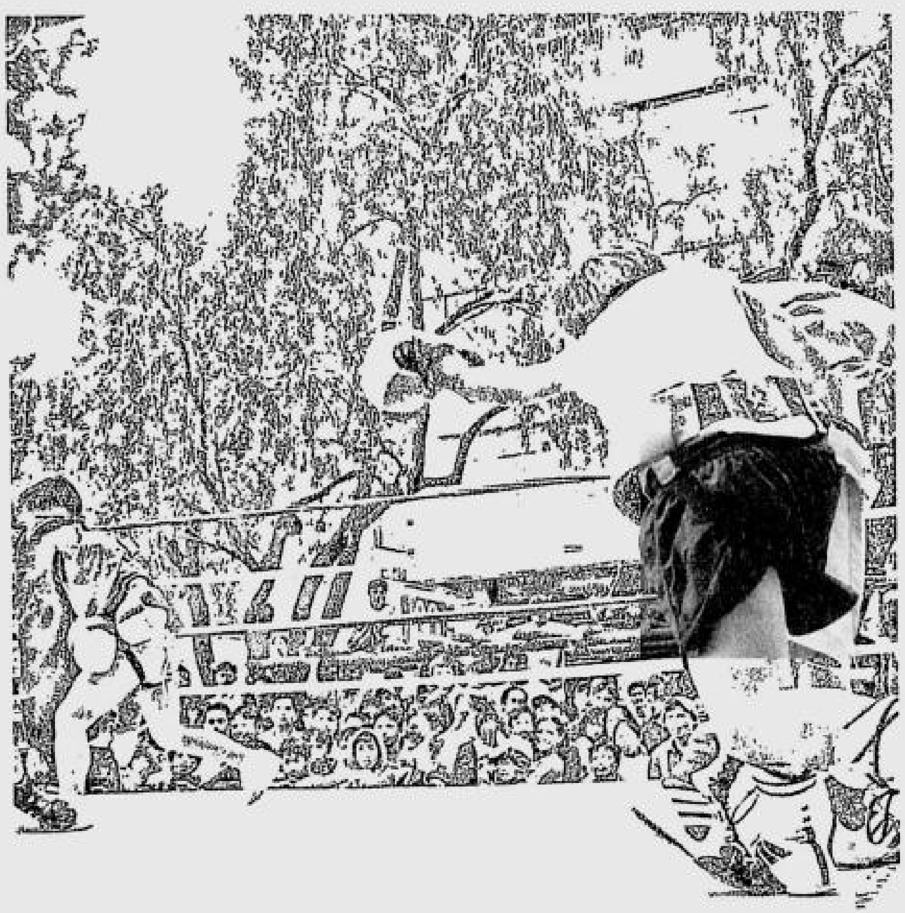

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Arcilla, eyeing his second straight title after the Digos Open last month, will face second seed Rolando Ruel Jr., who breezed past third seed Alexander Lazaro, 6-2, 6-0.

In the doubles, fourth seeds Joseph Victorino and Alexander Lazaro won by default over top seeds Arcilla and James Wilkenson to advance to the final against unseeded Yannick Guba and Doods Rubillar, who beat unranked Michäel Mora III and Dino Jimenez, 6-3, 6-3.

In the juniors division, fourth seed Johnwill Baldonado ousted top seed Russell Arcilla Jr., 4-6, 6-1, 6-0, to advance to the boys' 18-under final against No. 7 Keff Gamana, who won over Jeffrey Calcita, 7-6 (4), 5-2 (ret.).

In the boys' 16-under division, No. 3 Akio Sy downed Reymund Padigos, 6-3, 6-4, to advance against No. 4 Kim Saraza, a 6-1, 6-1 winner over Kim Polero.

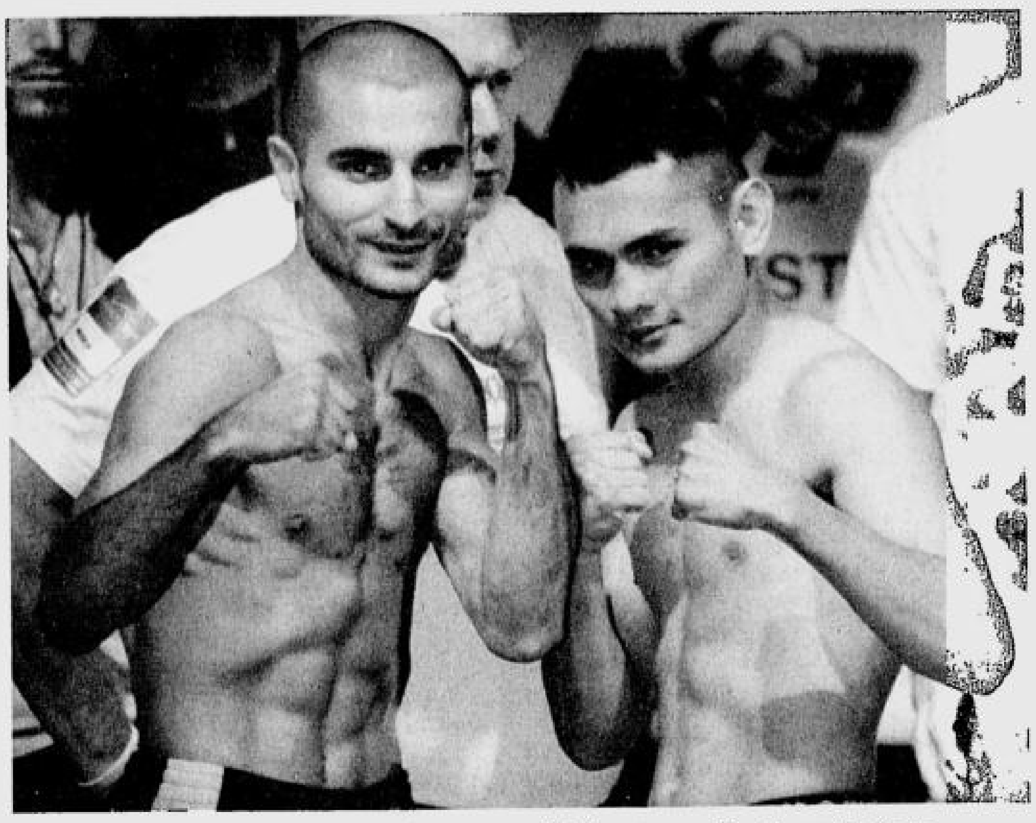
Other finalists were No. 1 Jose Lorenzo Ferrer and Kim Ivor Saraza (14-under), No. 1 Arjohn dela Cruz and Mauro Bengzon (12-under), and No. 1 Vince Salas and No. 3 Joachim Samson in the unisex 10-under.

PCSO special today

HORSE RACING FANS ARE IN FOR A TREAT AS Santa Ana Park hosts a slew of added-money special races today. Heading the money chase are five classy newcomers vying for the PCSO Special Maiden, a trophy race covering a total pot of P450,000. Meanwhile, six crack gallopers will be competing in the 2nd PCSO-NPJAI Cup Race, a racing fundraiser.

RACING TIPS
BY TOP CHOICE

Race 1—(Qrt/Tri)—Shy Girl (4), Samahan (3), Danielle's Angel (6), Assunta De Rio/Ikaw Lamang (5)
Race 2—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)— Dragon King (7), Golden Music (1), Royal Halo (3), Azukarera De Mama (5), Queen Esther (4)
Race 3—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Run Like D'Wind/Uncle Buck (5), Spark (3), Ferrarione (4), Speed Admiral (8), Striking Thunder (2)
Race 4—(Qrt/Tri)—Sweet Connections (4), Glory and Honours (3), Simply Angie (5), Cutting Edge (1)
Race 5—(Tri)—Sir Luis (7), Christine (5), Macalelon (1)
Race 6—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Ever Mine Now/La Tienne (6), Golden Link/Annealing (10), Frosty Bally (4), Danseuese (2), California Lady (8)
Race 7—(Tri)—Showtime Lady (1), Somos O No Somos (4), Manila's Style/Crystal City (5)
Race 8—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Dona Gelay (3), Mesmerize (6), Andee's Whisper (8), Red Hot Water (4), He's A Balong (7)
Race 9—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Batang Westside (4), Idol (8), Native Prince (13), Be My Pride (3), Loveko'To (7)
Race 10—(Qrt/Tri)—Last Haza (3), Aliwalas (6), Fast Reason (1), Fairy Queen (4)
Race 11—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Daldalera (2), Pivotal (9), Lady Cathy (6), American Idol (4), Quasimodo (8)
Race 12—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Santiago (3), Harrod's Magic (10), Kay Akino (4), Full Of Fury (11), Triple Threat (7)
Race 13—Super 6/Qrt/Tri)—Chicklet (9), Odyssey (5), Ole!Ole!Ole! (3), Powerhouse (10), Fahrenheit (6), Best Strike (7)



VIC Darchinyan (left) and Glen Donaire put up a fighting stance after the weigh-in at Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on Friday. AP

Donaire faces Darchinyan; Gabi prevails

FILIPINO-AMERICAN GLENN DONAIRE WILL TRY TO PLAY THE role of a matador today when he challenges the undefeated IBF and IBO flyweight champion Vic 'Raging Bull' Darchinyan in a 12-round title showdown at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

The fight will be the chief support to the rubber match between Diego Corrales and Joel Casamayor for the vacant WBC lightweight title, which was declared vacant when champion Corrales failed to make the weight at yesterday's weigh-in.

The Australia-based Armenian Darchinyan came in at an exact 112 lbs, while Donaire checked in at a trim 111 lbs at the weigh-in.

The 30-year-old Darchinyan (26-0, 21 KOs) will be making the fifth defense of the IBF title, and fourth of his IBO crown against the 26-year-old Donaire (16-2-1, 9 KOs), who was born in General Santos City but is now based in California.

"Darchinyan's opponents have been intimidated by him. Not me. Darchinyan does not have a style. He waits for the lucky punch with his left hand," Donaire told Maxboxing in an interview yesterday.

In the undercard, Nonito Donaire, Glenn's younger brother, takes on Mexican Oscar Andrade in defense of his NABF super flyweight title.

The younger Donaire holds a record of 15 wins, 1 loss with 9 KOs, while Andrade is a 60-fight veteran who once fought and lost to Gerry Peñalosa.

Meanwhile, Filipino Diosdado 'Prince' Gabi scored a devastating first-round technical knockout win over Mexican Felipe Rivas.

The Freddie Roach-trained and managed Gabi proved too much for the Mexican, stopping him after a series of shots.

The win improved Gabi's record to 28-3-1, 20 KOs, and lined him up for another shot at a world title.

Roach had earlier said that after two more fights, he will try to arrange a world title crack for Gabi. *Salven L. Lagumbay*

TV producer, copywriter rule Amazing Race Asia

FAMILIARITY WITH THE EVENT BORE fruit for the Jays Team of John Aguilar and Jason Drilon as they ruled AXN's The Amazing Race Asia Promotional Tour recently at the Music Hall of the SM Mall of Asia.

The 29-year-old Aguilar, who independently produces reality-based adventure races, and his copywriter teammate Jason Drilon, emerged triumphant among the mixed field of urban jungle racers and aficionados.

Team Skaters of Fedelito Laus Jr. and Ronald Ladeza landed second, while the Amazing Team, led by Edwin Salvador, settled for third in the one-day Amazing Race Asia Promotional Tour held to promote the first-ever Asian edition of the four time Emmy award-winning reality series.

"It was a very enjoyable race," said Aguilar. "More than the prize, it was really the chance of competing in the Amazing Race and meeting the people at AXN that really proved to be the high point of this amazing event."

Hundreds of Amazing Race participants went through a qualifying round that saw them going through Mine Field, the Sustagen Milk Shake Challenge, the Nokia N Series Challenge and Scratch Card Mini Circuit Challenge by Caltex.

Competitors of the last three teams were required to climb a high wall and retrieve as many Sun Cellular logos as possible. The promotional tour also visited Seoul, Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and New Delhi. The Manila edition was sponsored by Caltex, Alaxan FR, Sustagen Premium, Sun Cellular, Converse, and Nokia Nseries. Roy Luarca

Real Pinoy Fighter airs tomorrow

THE REAL PINOY FIGHTER, THE COUNtry's first-ever reality TV mixed martial arts competition, will debut tomorrow on ABS-CBN Channel 2.

Airing Mondays after Bandila, it will show 14 fighters with different skills (judo, karate, taekwondo, wrestling, boxing and jujitsu) undergo training, face the challenges and survive the eliminations.

More than 200 joined the tryouts and those who survived were national boxer Ferdie Gamo, national wrestler Michael Natividad, street fighter Bernard Soriano, UAAP judo gold medalist Duke Villanueva, wushu artist Jazor Ablasi, Luisito Mateo, Johnwin Sarmiento, kick boxer Jericho Diao, Matthew Joseph, Allan Tubil, Christopher Lucero, Alexander Jon Sundico, Andrew Benibe and Darion Cueto

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TRS sets Ford owners track day Oct. 15

FORD CAR OWNERS WILL BE TREATED TO A DAY OF FUN, PRIZES AND GAMES in the All Ford Track Day Oct. 15 at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Rosario, Batangas. The event is open to all Ford Focus and other Ford car owners who must first join the new Ford Racing Club, an integrated club launched by the Tuason Racing School in partnership with Ford Philippines. Membership is free for all Ford Focus owners. Other Ford vehicle owners will be charged P1,000. Visit the Ford Racing Club Secretariat at the TRS at 41 Pioneer St., cor. Edsa, Mandaluyong City. Present a valid driver's license and the OR of the vehicle. Call the TRS at 635-2588; 635-2587, 747-2378 and 0918-9912569 or log on to www.tuasonracing.com.

Circuit Car Class Oct. 22 in Subic

TUASON RACING SCHOOL WILL BE HOLDING A CIRCUIT CAR CLASS ON OCT. 22 to be conducted by TRS director and Formula Three driver JP Tuason at the Subic International Raceway. Registration is P8,500 for each class which includes race-prepared Ford Focus touring cars, lapping sessions, the use of safety gear, rental of track and meal. The Circuit Car Class is sponsored by Ford Racing, Addict Mobile, eStandard Insurance Corp., Petron Ultron, Goodyear, Bosch, ROTA, Oakley, Trade Show, Red Horse Beer, H&R Springs, Starbright Body Kits, Manila Speedzone, Palmer-Asia Inc., Sikkens, Bilstein Shock Absorbers, K&N filters, C! Magazine, Trapik.com and Maxim. Visit TRS at 41 Pioneer St. cor. Edsa, Mandaluyong City, or call 635-2587/ 747-2378 or log on to www.tuasonracing.com.

All Green! All In! Hold 'Em tilt

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY'S BATCH '82 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PAGCOR WILL hold the "All Green! All In!"—a non-cash Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament for a cause on Oct. 28 at the Airport Casino on Oct. 28. Registration starts at noon. Six lucky winners will meet at the Final Table for the grand prize. Pagcor will donate non-cashable casino chips worth a total of P100,000 to those who make it to the Final Table. Entry fee is P2,000. For inquiries and reservations, call 816-1978.

No entry fee in Cebu,Visayas derby

THE CEBU CITY-EASTERN VISAYAS LEG OF NO ENTRY FEE LABANAN 6-STAG derby, backed by Sagupaan Complexor 3000, starts Oct. 17 at Gallera de Mandaue with P800,000 guaranteed prize at stake. To join, a participant needs to bring proof of purchase worth P1,000 of any Sagupaan products. Other elimination rounds are lined up at Gallera de Mandaue (Oct. 17, 24, 26 and 28), Medellin Amusement Center (Oct. 23) and Simala Arena (Oct. 23). Meanwhile, the Metro Manila leg of Labanan 7-stag derby starts tomorrow at San Juan Coliseum. Entries must be submitted today from 2-9 p.m. Call 0916-4763030 (Ariel) or 0917-8064758 (Neil).

Bulacan breeder leads LGBA race

UPCOMING BREEDER DALWIN YULANGCO OF BULACAN SETS OUT AS THE favorite when the Luzon Gamecock Breeders Association (LGBA) Gamecock Breeder of the Year race resumes at Araneta Coliseum Oct. 12, 17 and 19. Yulangco's Angel Ace Supreme entry racked up nine victories to lead the 295 participants in LGBA series' first two legs. BMJ DMCA Red of Boy Gamilla, Raffy Campos, Edwin Aranez and Mimi Itchon has 8.5 markers. Tied at third with 8 points are Edwin Ramos (AP Top Gun), Louie Madlambayan and Edwin Jingco (LDM and EJ), Raffy Campos and Company (BMJ Mimi Red), lawyer Joey Mendoza (RPS Tagapo Farms), Benny Lim (Sangre Guerrero) and Vice Gov. Windell Chua and John Daguio (Red Star). Fred Katigbak (BBC Golden Spurs), Alfe Soriano (Alvaness DC), Bobby Doromal (RPCD Bastonero), Romy Tan (JF Nikki) Aries de Guzman (Shooting Star II) had 7.5 points apiece. Watch the LGBA championship round at the Araneta Coliseum Nov. 4. Sponsors are B-Meg Derby Ace, Gran Matador, Purina, Vitarich, Thunderbird, Lakpue Drug Inc., Asvet and Excellence.

Stag screening at Roligon today

PARTICIPANTS IN THE DIAMANTE BROTHERS 5-STAG DERBY ARE REQUESted to bring their stags for screening today at Roligon Mega Cockpit. Screening will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stags with Stag Festival wingbands are automatically accepted. Offering a guaranteed prize of P1 million for an entry fee of P7,700, the event sizzles on Oct. 14, 16 and 18. Three brand new motorcycles will be given away as bonus for fastest win champions in each day of competition. Call 0915-2147845; 0919-8207788 (Leddy) or 851-2275.

Poker Part II today

THE PHILIPPINE POker Tour (PPT) resumes with the holding of the Angeles Hold'em Challenge Part II today at the Casino Filipino Angeles, located at Century Resort Hotel, MacArthur Highway, Balibago, Angeles City.

Winners of this tournament will earn seats to the grand finals of the MillionaPeso Hold'em Philippine Championship set Dec. 16-17 at the Casino Filipino Pavilion, Manila.

They will join Angeles Hold'em Challenge Part I winners, namely: Steve Hupner, Elmira Wagas, Jimmy Bundalian, John Santos and Mauro Flores.

After the Tagaytay Challenge on Oct. 14, the poker tour moves to Visayas and Mindanao.

First in line is the Bacolod Challenge to be held at Casino Filipino Bacolod on Oct. 21 followed by the Cebu-Lahug Challenge set Oct. 28 at the Casino Filipino Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, Cebu.

Casino Filipino Mactan-Cebu hosts the tournament on Nov. 11 while Casino Filipino Davao get its turn on Nov. 25.

Details about the tournaments are posted at www.PhilippinePokerTour.com. Those interested to join may call Cindy at 817-9092 or 812-0153.

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RP golfers struggle in Taiwan

LIN WEN-TANG FIRED A 68 TO TAKE A TWO-SHOT LEAD OVER GARY Usnak after three rounds of the Taiwan Open. Lin is 10 under at the Sunrise Golf and Country Club. Filipino bets struggled as Angelo Que fired a 75 to fall in a tie for 17th at three under. Juvic Pagunsan (70) was tied for 22nd at two under. Gerald Rosales (77) ballooned to two over.

Ferrari gains crucial pole

FELIPE Massa (front) and Ferrari have the rival Renault pair where they want them: Behind Massa and Michael Schumacher at the grid. REUTERS

SUZUKA, JAPAN—MICHAEL SCHUMACHER looked like the cat with the cream after seeing his Ferrari teammate Brazilian Felipe Massa take pole for Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix and his title rival Fernando Alonso finish up in fifth place after qualifying.

The retirement-bound 37-year-old German, who leads Spaniard Alonso by the narrowest of margins, was the fastest man of the day, but unable to deliver the pole lap in the final session Saturday when Massa clinched his second pole with a lap in one minute and 29.599 seconds.

"I would prefer pole, but for me it is more important to have Fernando behind me on the third row so I am very happy—and it looks very much as if the Bridgestone tires performing very well here," said Schumacher.

"I love to race here, it is a fantastic track. And in these cars, it is so much fun, we have so much grip that the car feels like the car is flying through the 'esses.'"

Ferrari's brilliant all-round team display meant that they achieved a lockout of the front row of the grid and, with the two Toyotas of Ralf Schumacher and Italian Jarno Trulli in third and fourth places, have a considerable advantage for the start.

While Schumacher beamed with pleasure, Alonso was left to admit he faces an uphill struggle to overcome the Ferraris and win to keep his title challenge alive. Schumacher can win the championship if he wins the race and Alonso fails to score. *AFP*

Athletics eliminate Twins

Kenny Rogers stars as Tigers roast pricey Yankees

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA—THE OAKland Athletics swept away years of first-round futility when they beat the Minnesota Twins 8-3 to reach the American League championship series for the first time in 14 years on Friday.

Milton Bradley homered and threw out Torii Hunter in a disputed play at the plate as the A's ended a run of nine straight losses in potential playoff clinchers.

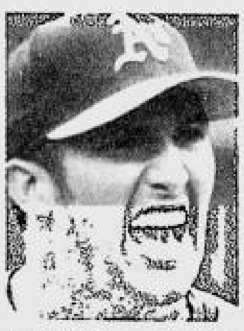
The A's never trailed in finishing off the Twins in three games and will face either the Detroit Tigers or New York Yankees starting on Tuesday.

Marco Scutaro doubled twice and tied an Oakland postseason record with four RBIs, and Eric Chavez homered as the Athletics won a playoff series for the first time since 1990.

Hunter and Justin Morneau homered for the Twins, who surprisingly won the AL Central on the regular season's final day but couldn't stage the kind of first-round comeback they pulled off against the A's four years ago.

Hunter made a key mistake in the sixth inning. Down 4-1, the Twins were rallying when Rondell White hit a RBI single. Hunter also tried to score on the play and Bradley made a strong throw home. Hunter attempted to avoid catcher Jason Kendall's tag and reach the plate with his left hand, but plate umpire Mike Everitt called him out. Huston Street closed out the win.

Dan Haren allowed nine hits and two runs in six innings for the win, which the A's enjoyed with a postgame party in their clubhouse—which had been alcohol-free since June after pitcher Esteban Loaiza's drunken driving arrest.



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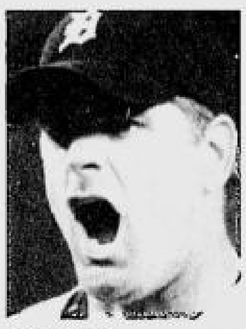

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Brad Radke, pitching with a torn labrum and stress fracture in his throwing shoulder, was done after four innings for the Twins. He allowed five hits and four runs. He plans to call it quits after a 12-year career.

In Detroit, Kenny Rogers pitched 7 2/3 shutout innings and the Tigers ripped New York, 6-0, to push Detroit within one win of shocking the Yankees into an early winter.

In a ballpark normally locked up by October, the 41-year-old Rogers, one of the few Detroit staffers who doesn't fire 161 kph fastballs, used every pitch in his personal stash to blank the Yankees' expensive offense for his first career postseason win.

Rogers' first win over the Yankees since 1993 came at the perfect time for the Tigers, who were playing their first postseason game in Comerica Park, the first playoff game in The Motor City since 1987 at Tiger Stadium.

Detroit, which left New York on Thursday with a split after rallying to win Game 2, scored three runs in the second inning off Randy Johnson and two more in the sixth. And, Rogers, whose career highlights include a perfect game in 1994 for Texas and an embarrassing run-in with a TV cameraman, made them stand up.

Rogers, who played for New York in 1996-97, confounded the Yankees with fastballs, sinkers, changeups and curves. The left-hander struck out eight—his most since June 13—and walked two.

After striking out Bobby Abreu for the second out in the eighth, Rogers was lifted by manager Jim Leyland and received a long, loud ovation on his walk to the Tigers dugout. *AP*

Hot Kings...

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six classic games over the Bulls three months ago, crept to within 61-72 on a 10-1 run with 6:53 to go.

But that was the best the Giants could do, as Rudy Hatfield and Mark Caguioa contributed to make it 79-61 heading into the final 2:51.

Meanwhile, the Phone Pals shoot for a share of the early lead when they collide with Alaska at 6:30 tonight at the Araneta Coliseum.

Welcoat and Cola-Cola earlier clash in the 4:05 p.m. game.

Despite an impressive start, coach Derrick Pumaren feels pressure to keep the Phone Pals on the winning track.

"It's part of the job," Pumaren said Wednesday night after steering the Phone Pals past the Giants. "I can't ask for anything more from management, which has been very supportive.

"For my part, I have to do good and deliver."

Pumaren is calling the shots for a franchise that does not entertain long relationships with coaches who don't win. After getting a number of marquee players in trades, failure, it seems, is not an option.

Pumaren feels that an early loss could dampen the morale of his players, which is at a high after coming off training in the US and Korea just three weeks after getting the boot in the last tournament.

Corrales makes costly weight error

LAS VEGAS—ROBBED OF A BIG PAYDAY when his last opponent couldn't make weight, Diego Corrales vowed never to disgrace boxing by not being at the proper weight himself.

So what happened on Friday? Corrales weighed in a whopping 5 pounds (2.25 kilograms) over the weight limit for his WBC 135-pound (60-kilogram) title defense against Joel Casamayor.

"It's terribly ironic," promoter Gary Shaw said. "I'm shocked."

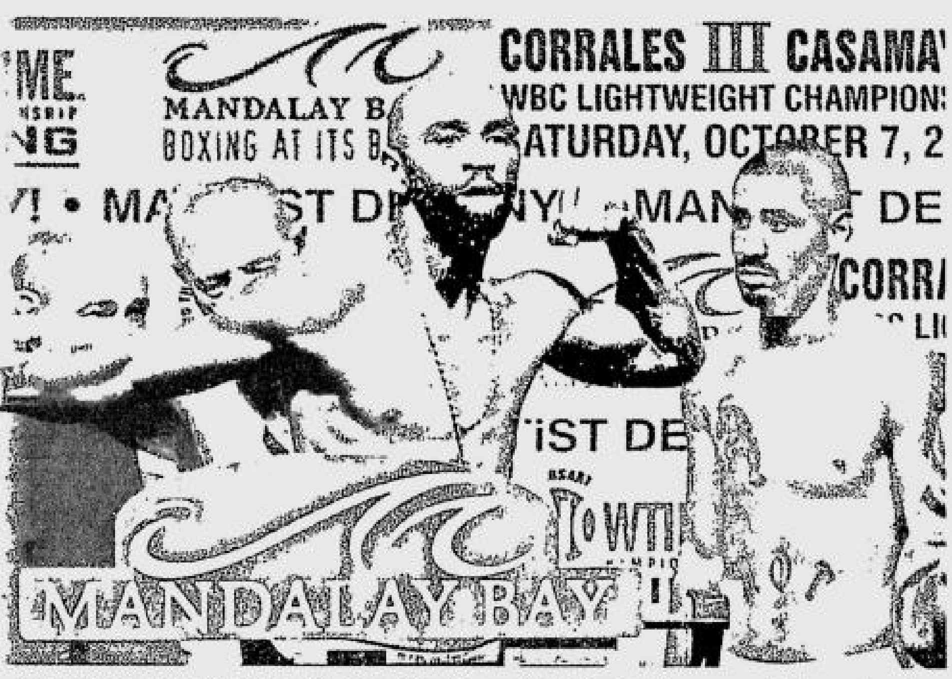
Corrales lost his title on the scale and will be fined by Nevada boxing authorities for not coming close to the weight. But, after agreeing to give up some of his $1.2 million purse to Casamayor, the fight will go on Saturday night.

The WBC ruled that Casamayor can win the title by beating Corrales, though Corrales can't keep it by beating Casamayor. If Casamayor loses, he would fight a top contender for the vacant title in his next fight.

The fight was in doubt after Corrales weighed 140 pounds (63.5 kilograms), then came back a short time later and weighed 139 1/2 pounds (62.2 kilograms), then was given two hours to get down to 137 pounds (61.5 kilograms). He made it down to 139 (62).

In addition to getting more money for the fight, Casamayor will get half of the $240,000 fine levied by the Nevada State Athletic Commission against Corrales for not making weight.

"I definitely deserve to be punished," Corrales said. "I should make weight and I didn't."



JOEL Casamayor jubilates after making the weight. The Cuban earned his paycheck on the scales, the same place where a dejected Diego Corrales (right) lost his belt. AP

Representatives of both fighters didn't take long after the weigh-in at the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino to come to an agreement on Corrales paying Casamayor some of his purse. But Shaw declined to say just how much of the purse Casamayor would get.

They also agreed to a second weigh-in at noon Saturday, at which point neither fighter can weigh more than 147 pounds.

Corrales said he tried everything to lose weight—tuna and salad were his last meal on Monday. Since then, he said, he had no food or water, sucking just on ice chips.

"My body just wouldn't let anything go," he said. "It just wouldn't."

The 6-foot (1.83-meter) boxer said he had planned to leave the lightweight division after the May fight with Jose Luis Castillo, but after that was postponed he stayed at 135 pounds so he could get a more lucrative payday against Casamayor. *AP*

Suns, Clippers score European wins

ROME—SHAWN MARION SCORED 19 points and Steve Nash had nine assists as the Phoenix Suns beat Virtus Lottomatica Roma 100-93 in an exhibition on Friday.

The game was part of the NBA Europe Live Tour, which also features three other NBA teams playing on the continent. The Suns will play two more games in Cologne, Germany next week against the Philadelphia 76ers and another European team.

Phoenix led from the start and struggled only when coach Mike D'Antoni pulled his starters midway through each quarter.

Raja Bell and Brazilian guard Leandro Barbarosa each had 18 points for Phoenix.

David Hawkins, who the Suns scouted, led Roma with 22 points.

"I'm proud of him. He was more physical than I thought," D'Antoni said of Hawkins. "He can play in the NBA."

In Moscow, Shaun Livingston scored 19 points to lead the Los Angeles Clippers over BC Khimki, 98-91.

Center Chris Kaman and Corey Maggette also scored 17 each for Los Angeles, and Cuttino Mobley added 15. *AP*

UST's Apil: A hero in life and death?

IN HUDDLE

Beth Celis

THE CALL FROM UST team manager Clarence Aytona wasn't expected but it was most welcome.

Clarence said he had read the item in this column on deceased UST cager John Lee Apil who died in a freak accident just a month before the start of the 2006 UAAP season.

It was a most tragic death, according to Clarence.

"He saved the lives of two drowning boys but lost his own in the process."

Having brought the boys to safety, Clarence said John Lee was emerging from the water when he was electrocuted. A live wire had fallen into the water while his feet were still immersed in it.

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"You wrote about angels in the hardcourt, but did you hear about the black butterfly?"

Clarence said he didn't believe in these things until a recent experience.

"We were all mystified when this black butterfly appeared in the UST dugout at the Araneta Coliseum right after the second semifinal game against UE which we won," Clarence related.

"Personally, I didn't notice the moth until I was inside the dugout, although some members of the team swore that it had floated with us on the way inside, perhaps from the hardcourt.

"For awhile the moth hovered inside the dugout, as if to share in the team's jubilation. Then it vanished, just as mysteriously as it had appeared.

"*Nangilabot kaming lahat.* Even our athletic director Felicitas Francisco (ex-Tiger and PBA player Gerard's mom) saw the butterfly. Everyone agreed it was John Lee. I still get goose bumps when I think about it," Clarence said.

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Last Monday during the last game of the Ateneo-UST best-of-three championship series, the black moth appeared again.

Ateneo's Ford Arao was taking a free throw when the butterfly crossed his line of vision. Arao missed the shot.

Jun Cortez, John Lee's best friend, was one of the very few who saw the butterfly.

"It was very, very eerie," said Clarence who considers the Tigers' victory as a miracle in itself.

"At the start of the season, it was difficult to imagine that we'd get this far. From day one, up to the semis, we were plagued with a variety of injuries and ailments. The team was never a hundred percent healthy. And if we are to consider last year's record, it was indeed difficult to be optimistic."

Was UST helped by supernatural forces?

Maybe yes, maybe no. But it does look like some former members of the team had gone out of their way to experience the victory in spirit.

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Was he on the level when Sta. Lucia's prodigal son Alex Cabagnot said that he has always been happy with his team?

Perhaps he really was, who can tell—although his past actions point to the contrary.

But all the bad attitude has been forgiven and forgotten especially after Alex redeemed himself in the Realtors' very first game of the season against Air21.

Alex admitted he was inspired. New teammates Kelly Williams and Mark Isip added a fresh dimension to the team, according to him, as he humbly said that he only "filled in the gap."

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The scribes covering the PBA are not too comfortable in the new location of the press row behind the south goal leading to the dugout.

"It's hard to see the play clearly, especially on the opposite court," said one of the officials of the press corps, who complained that even the three-point line is difficult to see.

"We're cramped, there aren't enough seats for everybody. I don't know why they decided to relocate us.

So who's occupying the old press row?

"*Kung sinu-sino lang,*" he said.

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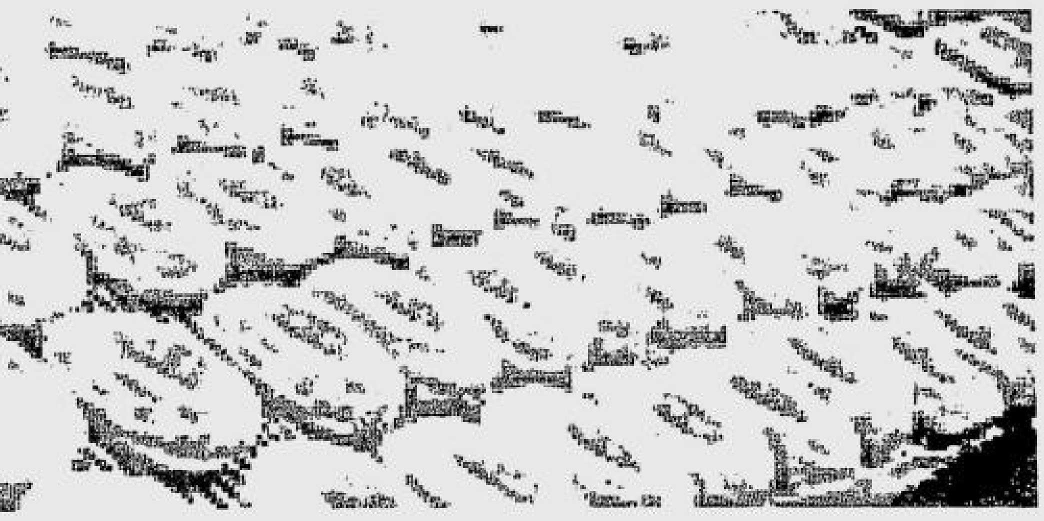
Will Manila have the longest queue for doughnuts?



Krispy Kreme owners expect a warm welcome

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

AS EARLY AS SEVEN YEARS ago, many Filipinos have been talking about Krispy Kreme doughnuts, having witnessed the long lines during store openings in the United States.

But at that time, the 69-year-old North Carolina-based doughnut shop was not keen on expanding outside the United States.

In fact, they were just starting to expand—having been a home-grown business for decades and a latecomer in the franchising game.

Krispy Kreme opened its first store outside southeast United States only in 1995; in New York in 1996 and Los Angeles in 1999.

The first international store was in Canada, which opened in December 2001.

Filipinos then had to be content with carrying boxes of the popular doughnuts back to Manila. Never mind if the doughnuts were a few days old by the time the recipients ate them. Everyone says the pastry still tasted as good after popping them for a few seconds in the microwave oven.

Big winner

With such a record, it's no surprise that a number of Filipino firms have attempted to get the local franchise of Krispy Kreme. A group, known for bringing in high-end clothing and bag brands, had even boasted of having already won the franchise.

But the winner proved to be a quiet worker—the group of Max's Restaurant.

Carolyn T. Salud of the Trota clan—owner of Max's—says it took two years before their application got the nod of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Inc.

They made the announcement last July: The Real American Doughnut Co. Inc., owned and operated by the principals of Max's, got the "development rights for the Philippines."

Max's people recently talked to media about Krispy Kreme.

Salud and cousin Jim T. Fuentebella, chair of the Doughnut Co. and managing director of Max's, say the first outlet of Krispy Kreme, at the Fort in Taguig City, will open by mid-November.

And they are anticipating long lines during the opening. Salud says there will be four counters to serve the first-day customers.

And as a come-on—the first in line will get a one-year supply of doughnuts at a rate of a dozen a week. The firm will also give away T-shirts and caps, but no free doughnuts.

When Go Nuts Donuts, touted to taste like Krispy Kreme, opened a few years ago, the queue at the Fort outlet made the news as doughnut lovers lined up for as long as two hours to get their box or boxes of glazed doughnuts, the most popular variety.

Word-of-mouth marketing

Original Glazed is the first and most popular Krispy Kreme doughnut and is still true to the secret recipe bought by founder Vernon Rudolph from a French chef in New Orleans.

That it tasted like Krispy Kreme was the selling point of Go Nuts. This means that while it is not yet in the Philippines, Krispy Kreme already enjoys brand awareness in the country.

But the Real American Doughnut Co. is not taking any chances.

A few weeks before store opening, Krispy Kreme is going to give away 100,000 doughnuts to various offices. Fuentebella explains that this is how the firm does its marketing—by letting the consumers actually taste the doughnuts, confident that after the first bite, they will ask for more.

The marketing scheme relies purely on word of mouth—or on how people will talk

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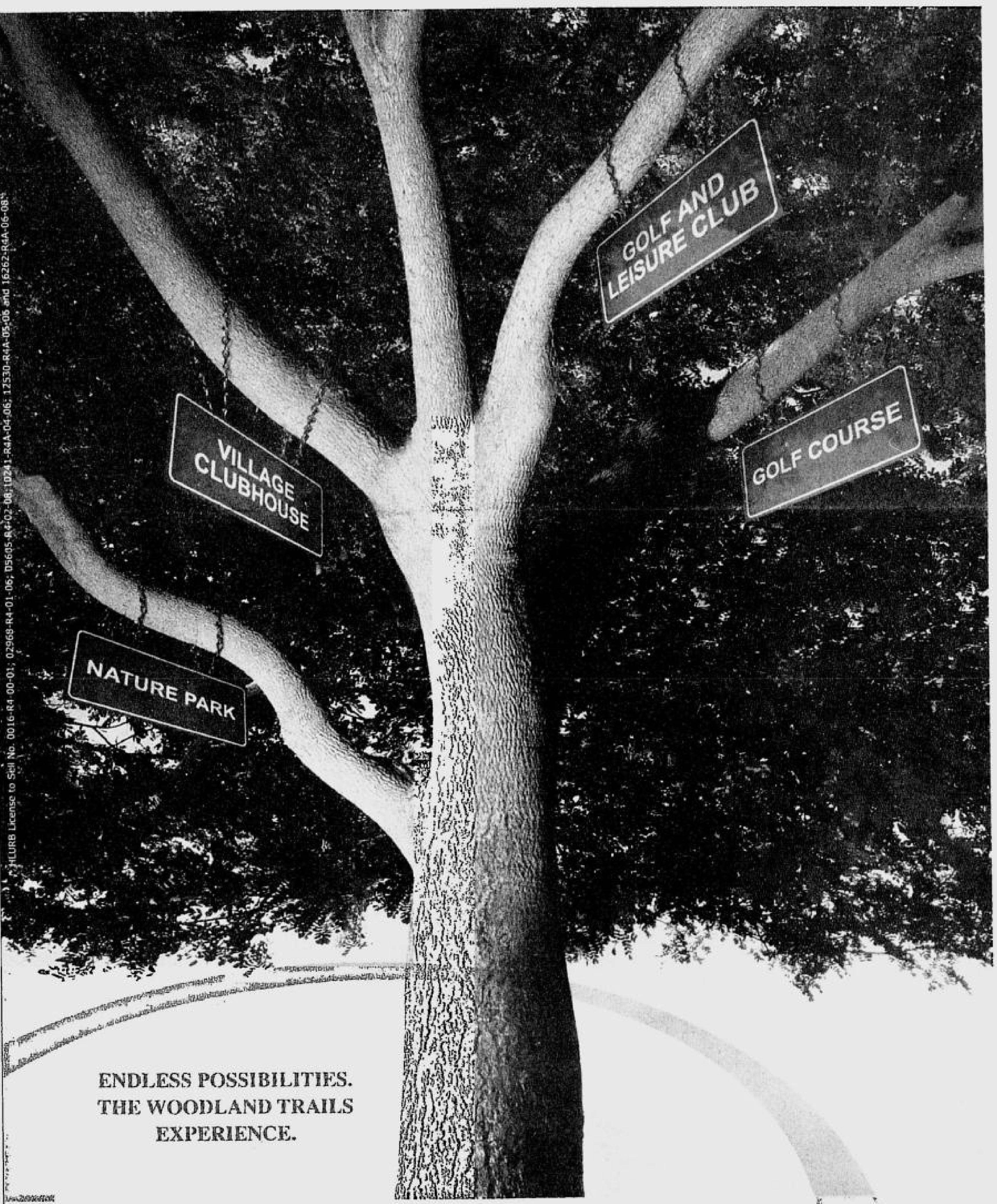

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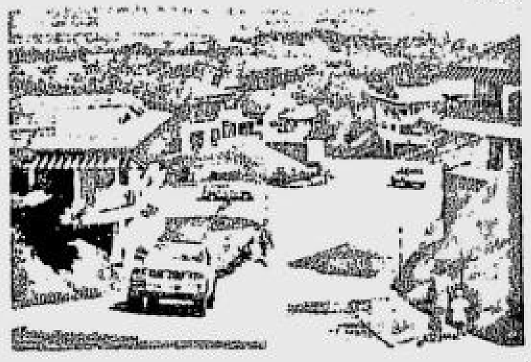

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Sustainable livelihood program gives rural folks better earning power

RESIDENTS OF BARANGAY Banglos in General Nakar, Quezon have found a much more rewarding means of making a living out of the logs and wooden debris that were washed down by the killer-floods and mudslides that ravaged their hometown almost two years ago.

From selling charcoal at P65 a sack, they now sell driftwood sculpture pieces that can sell for as much as P35,000 each.

The Banglos Sculptors, as they are now known, are not only selling well, they are also starting to give back and share their blessings to their community.

The unlikely artisans are among the fishermen and farmers who lost everything they owned in the December 2004 tragedy that rocked the nation.

Although there were no casualties among the nearly 1,000 residents of Banglos, 81 of the 150 households in this remote coastal fishing community lost their homes in the typhoon's wake.

Livelihood was ruined. Fishing boats and fishnets as well as livestock and poultry were swept away. The once rich coastal fishing grounds were choked by the mudslides.

It was through an initiative of Smart Communications Inc. that they were introduced to the art of woodcarving as an alternative livelihood.

Their transition from fisherfolk to artist-craftsmen involved a 10-day workshop under the tutelage of renowned sculptor Rey Paz Contreras, who was tapped by SMART to train 30 residents who later gave similar training to their other town mates.

MARVIC Flora with one of his early works. The gansa sculpture fetched a few thousand pesos.

Today, Banglos Sculptors include the likes of Arnel Rebate a fisherman in his 30s, and Meizi Pujalte, 13.

They are men, women, teenagers and even schoolchildren who have discovered an innate passion for creating works of art out of old discarded wood or driftwood (as opposed to logged lumber), as well as a good way to earn a living.

The artists, the Banglos Sculptors Multi-Purpose Cooperative, and the community development fund of the Smart Amazing GK Village in General Nakar, get a share of every artwork sold.

"We wanted to demonstrate to them that they can be self-supporting, and that they can be artists in their own right," says Darwin Flores, Public Affairs Group senior manager for community partnerships of SMART. In place of relief goods, the people received training.

It proved to be the best help they ever got.

SMART helps promote Banglos products, too. In 2005, the company gave out Banglos bowls as corporate gifts to its clients and friends. This year, the company is again looking at giving unique Banglos artwork as Christmas gifts.

"We were at first reluctant to join the training. We didn't want to use logs that were illegally cut. When they explained that only driftwood and discarded logs and wood will be used, we got curious and started to attend the 10-day training. After a few days, we started making bowls and fishes from driftwood," said Rebate in the vernacular.

He is now chair of the Organization of Banglos Sculptors.

The livelihood project is part of SMART's community service initiative in cooperation with Gawad Kalinga. Dubbed as the Project Nakar program, its aim was to help rebuild the lives of the people of Banglos.

Aside from putting in place a sustainable livelihood project, SMART also financed the construction of 100 houses, called the SMART Amazing GK Village.

In partnership with Haribon Foundation, the company likewise initiated a reforestation project, providing saplings and seedlings and basic training on reforestation and maintenance of nursery.

Smart also collaborated with Phivolcs to support a community based early warning system that will warn residents in flood prone areas to evacuate to higher ground in case of rain-triggered hazards.

The SMART Amazing GK Village in General Nakar is a model Gawad Kalinga community.

Through its partnership with Gawad Kalinga, SMART is able to carry out its commitment to the community it services.

To date, it has adopted a total of seven villages in General Nakar; Baseco Compound, Tondo; Camp Abubakar, Barira, Maguindanao; Talamban, Cebu City, Cebu; Arevalo, Iloilo City, Iloilo; Fort Magsaysay, Laur, Nueva Ecija, and St. Bernard, Southern Leyte.

THIRTEEN-year-old Meizi Pujalte shows her wooden artworks.

Drawing inspiration from Project Nakar, SMART is currently developing sustainable livelihood programs in its other GK-adopted villages.

The programs promote the use of resources that are readily available to the beneficiaries.

In Baseco, for instance, residents are due to attend training in carpentry for them to learn how to make furniture from crate containers made of pine wood that are left piled up in the nearby port area.

The livelihood programs will similarly require active participation and commitment from the residents.

Their willingness to learn and take on a new trade will ultimately determine the success of the program in the same way that the Banglos Sculptors have been able to maximize the assistance that has been extended to them.

Feedback support essential for franchise business

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION has always been one of the pillars of success in any business. This is doubly true when it comes to the franchise business, where the parent company is separate from its satellite branches and necessitates a degree of organization and coordination that only good communication tools can provide.

At Philippine Seven Corp., the licensor of the 24-hour convenience store chain 7-Eleven, strong communication forms the backbone of its daily operations, linking its 169 company-owned and 112 franchise stores nationwide to its head office in Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong. The result is a constant support and feedback system that has helped the company grow its business steadily over the years.

"We have always considered solid communication tools as one of our keys to success, especially when it comes to our franchise stores," stated Teresa T. Jimenez, Franchise Planning & Support Manager of Philippine Seven Corp. "By communicating constantly with our franchisees, we are able to establish early on the level of partnership and support that our company extends to those who wish to invest in 7-Eleven," Jimenez added.

Jimenez revealed that as early as the qualification process, franchise applicants get to experience immediately the 7-Eleven communication process through the Franchise Specialist, who guides the new investor through the steps required to qualify for the franchise.

Once the franchise is awarded, the franchisee is assigned to an Operations Field Consultant (OFC), who basically conducts initial hands-on supervision and training in the operation of the new store and later becomes the primary communications conduit between Philippine Seven Corp. and its new franchise storeowner. Through the OFC, the franchisee receives regular updates and reminders on the standards set by 7-Eleven, while also serving as the feedback medium for issues, concerns and suggestions that may arise from the franchisee.

"The OFC forms the frontline of the Philippine Seven Corp. communication flow and ensures that there is always constant contact between the company and our franchisees," explained Jimenez. "Each OFC handles a maximum of 8 stores and conducts regular visits to the said stores every month to track the progress of the franchisee and assist in issues that may arise in the course of store operations. In this manner, we are able to assure our franchisees that Philippine Seven Corp is always there to support them every step of the way in the growth of their business," Jimenez added.

Aside from the OFC, the company has also instituted additional modes of communication to streamline support mechanisms for its franchise storeowners.

An email and phone call system instantly connects the franchisee to the Philippine Seven Corp. head office, where franchise officers, rigorously trained to provide service for the franchisees, are always ready to respond and assist in store related requests.

There is also an online Request Tracking System (RTS), which franchisees can use for issues and concerns arising from store equipment maintenance.

Philippine Seven Corp. also established a call center to further increase the response time for addressing requests of the franchisees.

The result of all these is a communication flow that has allowed both Philippine Seven Corp. and its 7-Eleven franchise to grow at a phenomenal rate, while building and strengthening the partnership it has established with its franchisees.

7-Eleven is available for franchise in the areas of Batangas, Laguna, Cavite, Manila, Makati and Quezon City. For inquiries, call 726-9968, 0920-9508651 or visit www.7-eleven.com.ph.

Will Manila have the longest queue ...

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about the wonderful taste of the doughnuts.

As to why Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corp. chose Max's as its partner in the Philippines is largely due to their shared history, say Salud and Fuentebella.

While Krispy Kreme began in 1937, Max's started in 1945. Both have "secret recipes" and both are family owned for the major part of their history.

Salud and Fuentebella say it is a requirement of Krispy Kreme to choose partners who have experience in food.

Their franchise application guideline states: "Applicants must have current ownership and operating experience or previous ownership and operating experience of multi-unit food service operations in the market that you desire to develop."

In Korea, the famous Lotte company acquired the franchise for Krispy Kreme. It opened in 2004.

But when Krispy Kreme went to Asia (it is now in Korea, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Japan and Thailand), it adopted a different business model.

It made the doughnut shops cozier—not like the white stark walls of the shops in the United States.

"The environment is more conducive for people to gather," says Fuentebella. "This is the model we are adopting in the Philippines."

Substantial investment

The Real American Doughnut Co. is required to open 30 Krispy Kreme stores in five years in the country. Salud and Fuentebella are mum on the investment in each store and they do not want to reveal the franchise cost. But the Krispy Kreme website is quite revealing:

"Our franchisees must possess the capital sufficient to fund the development of the market. We currently grant franchises on an area development basis. Specifically, our area developers are required to build multiple stores (10 or more) in a market. The minimum net worth requirement is $30 million or $1 million per store to be developed, whichever is greater. For instance, a 15-store market requires a minimum net worth of $30 million."

Beyond the secret recipe, Krispy Kreme's advantage lies in the fact that it makes its own doughnut machines. The first one in the country will have the capacity to produce 1,000 to 2,000 dozens of doughnuts a day.

Fuentebella hastens to add that each store will have the Hot Light—a round, red light, which when lighted means fresh doughnuts are being made.

And just what benefit can the Filipinos get from having Krispy Kreme in the country, other than the extra calories?

Salud says, "It's a fresh experience. These are freshly made products and Filipinos can eat this way. We love to eat and sharing is a big thing with us. A box of doughnuts can be shared."

The venture will also create substantial employment of about 35 to 40 persons per shift and each store is envisioned to have two shifts.

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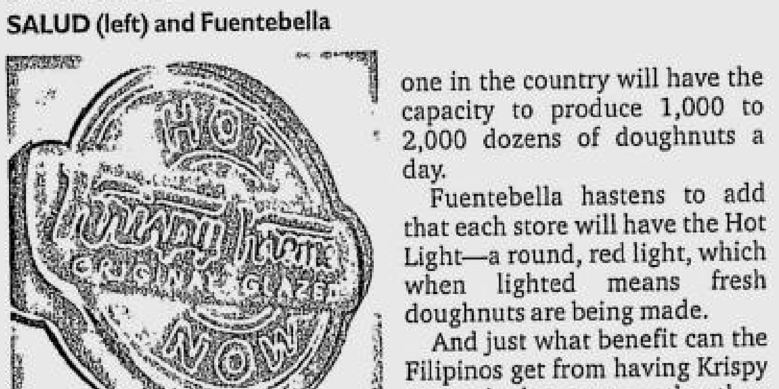
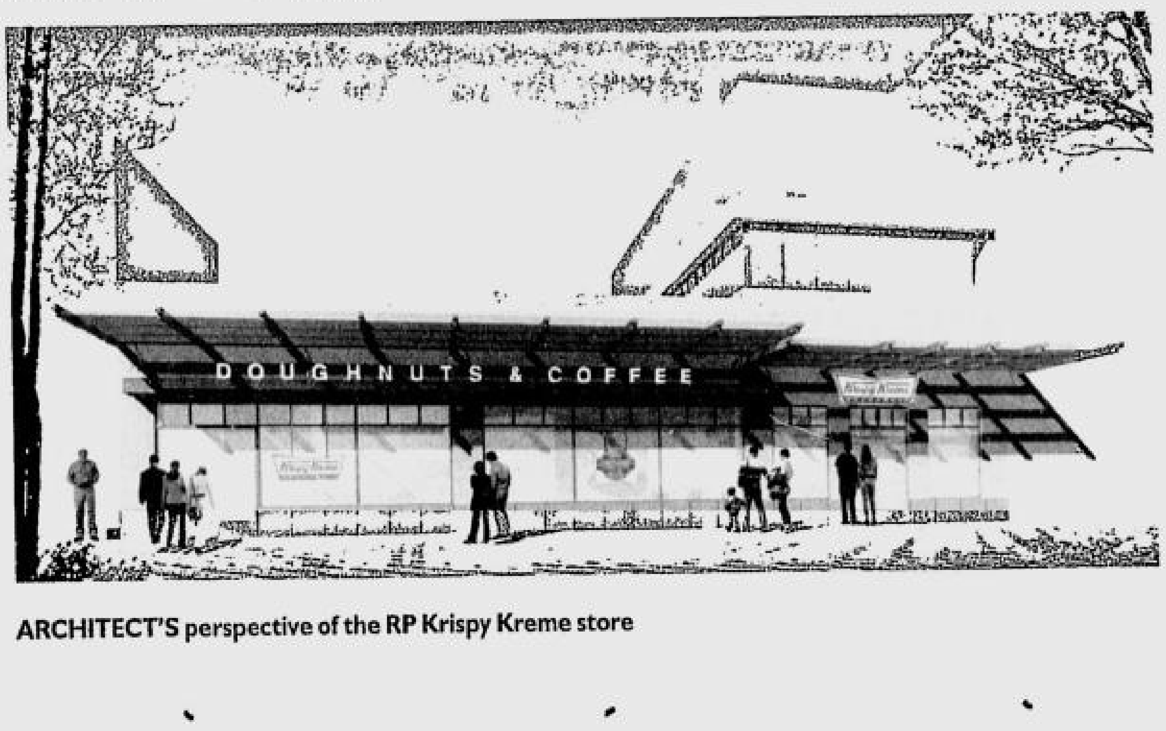
SALUD (left) and Fuentebella





ARCHITECT'S perspective of the RP Krispy Kreme store

Coop cashes in on low-salt, salt-less, boneless dried fish

By Juan Escandor Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

CALABANGA, CAmarines Sur—In just a little over a year since it started operations, a cooperative here has emerged as THE brand for a variety of low-salt, salt-less and boneless dried fish products.

Registered on Aug. 31, 2005, the Calabanga Dried Fish Processors Cooperative (CDFPC) pioneered the production and marketing of dried local fish called abo or tiger-toothed croaker, which can only be found in San Miguel Bay here.

Dried abo is common in this town, but the boneless variety is a newcomer in the market. Locals claim the abo is meatier and tastes better than Cebu's popular danggit.

About four times bigger than the danggit, the dried boneless abo, so named because of its silver-gray color, is extracted and sliced from fresh fish measuring an average of five inches long and 1.5 inches wide. The larger varieties measure seven inches long and two inches wide.

Co-op production manager Felix B. Piamonte Jr., 49, said the workers follow standard procedures, from raw material selection to processing and packaging to maintain the quality of the products.

Piamonte said the co-op only uses fresh medium and large fish to make boneless abo, so that a 3.5-kilo fish can produce a kilo of dried fish.

Labor intensive

He said it takes 10-12 hours to complete the cycle from cleaning to soaking and to drying. The dried fish are then left to cool before they are packed into 200-gram packs for distribution to the market.

He said the co-op learned the technology and production procedures from technicians of the the Department of Trade and Industry.

That process has become their trade secret, he said.

Piamonte said the locals already know how to dry fish, but the DTI technicians taught them a more organized and efficient approach to drying fish.

He said the local government unit (LGU) here tapped the support of other government agencies to provide them relevant seminars to enhance their technical knowledge.

"The LGU here is convinced that the town can make a name in the production of dried fish with low or no salt content into an industry following the 'one-town-one product' advocacy call of the President," explained Mayor Evelyn Yu.

Yu said the dried fish processing business has shown great trade potentials with the LGU actively supporting the venture by looking for markets.

She said the LGU, for instance, has asked the cooperative to market its products among government officials and employees, who could later be developed into distributors.

Marketing strategy

The mayor said the current marketing strategy of tapping government officials and employees has worked to the point that the cooperative now has to increase production to meet the demand.

Piamonte said the cooperative makes good on its supply commitments even during the lean months when prices of raw materials soar.

"We have to do it if only to maintain long-term, client-supplier relation," the production manager said. He added that during lean months, fresh abo goes for P80 to P100 a kilo.

Piamonte said that aside from boneless dried abo, the cooperative also produces salt-less piti (the abo's dried air sac that pops when fried), flatfish and sliced dried anchovies.

He said production is time-consuming and labor-intensive, specially of the sliced anchovies, a small elongated pelagic fish about two inches long.

Opportunities

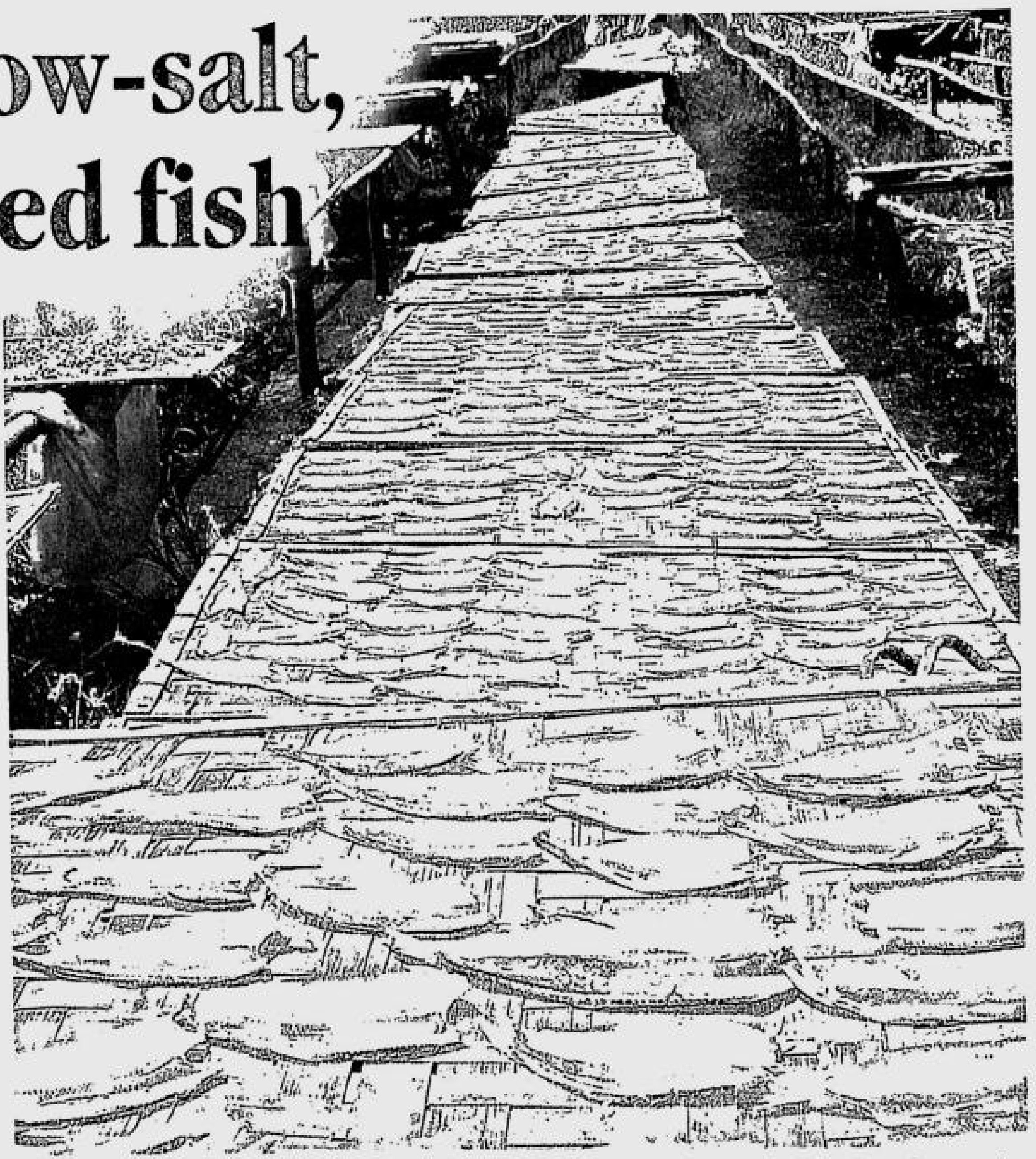
But the cooperatives forges ahead and CDFPC chair Daniel S. Abalayan said the cooperative's activities has given new life to dried fish processing activities in the village of Sabang, where the cooperative's facilities are located.

Abalayan said said he does marketing and product promotions and represents the CDFPC in government sponsored trade exhibition outside Camarines Sur.

"We discovered that quality products and packaging opens up marketing opportunities," Abalayan said.

He said the cooperative members have taken note that quality and product packaging make them more competitive.

Abalayan said that with more sales orders coming in, the cooperative expects to soon double production to 200 kilos a month from the current 100 kilos.



LOW-SALT, salt-less and boneless dried fish products of the Calabanga Dried Fish Processors Cooperative
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Cases no traveler can do without

By Franco Emman Von M. Cena

IF YOU THINK TRAVEL BAGS would shave off your pockets, better think twice.

With the release of American Tourister's newest collection, budget-tight travelers and bag freaks can now shop a piece or two sans the guilt of spending lavishly on bags and luggage.

True to its tagline, "Low Cost, First Class," American Tourister addresses the needs of the growing number of value-conscious travelers via the introduction of its latest, sensibly chic, pieces aptly designed for business and leisure travelers.

SPECIAL Edition Duffle on wheels

The line includes the wheeled iLite, which comes in trendy candy colors; the masculine Airstop, usually hardcases; the sturdy Entry and the Special Edition; and MXT.

Each American Tourister product is backed and guaranteed by Samsonite, the brand almost synonymous to Tourister's quality and durability. It is, after all, now under Samsonite's line after it was acquired in 1993 by the Samsonite Corporation.

Although carrying the Samsonite label, American Tourister is primarily targeted at travelers who are in tight budget and those who would not like to shell out big bucks. It was, after all, American Tourister's aim to offer products at a moderate price without compromising quality and functionality.

American Tourister is no beginner in the luggage industry. It was in 1993 when Sol Koffler started the company in Providence, Rhode Island with the high hopes of coming up with a tough suitcase that could sell for a dollar.

In the 1950s, the company started experimenting with new materials and modern designs with the growing population of travelers. As international travel soared the following years, the company continued to design hardside products while also responding to the shift in demand for softside but durable cases.

With innovation, Tourister eventually succeeded in breaking into the luggage industry.

Over 70 years later, the brand continues the tradition of quality and design at great value, coming out with a wide range of travel bags—from large multicolored suitcases and smaller carry-ons to backpacks and laptop bags.

To date, American Tourister is one of the most recognized brand names in the world, with 85 percent brand awareness in the United States.

Bent on providing quality, American Tourister submits its products to quality and tumble tests.

The bags, now in different colors, answer the demand of women seeking stylish and trendy bags. Bags are now part of the person's fashion, said Me-an Santos, marketing and sales senior director.

Customer satisfaction is also one of the primary considerations of the company as it offers warranty terms for its goods. One will only need to surrender the product to any Samsonite service center worldwide, Santos said.

Last year, American Tourister started to reestablish its presence in the Philippines. Its products are now sold in over 60 outlets nationwide, including The Travel Club, Duty Free Philippines, The Landmark, SM Department Store and Robinsons Department Store.

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Social accountability the Naga City way

By Gabriel Hidalgo Bordado
Contributor

A WORLD BANK REPORT "Governance Matters: Worldwide Governance Indicators" was quoted by the INQUIRER Business Section as stating that "the ability of the Philippines to improve governance and curb corruption has faltered over the past eight years despite its vibrant democratic society and free press."

A day or two after that report was presented on the "sidelines" of the World Bank-International Monetary Fund joint fora held in Singapore, it was Naga City Mayor Jesse M. Robredo's turn to reassure the international community that the Philippines is not exactly a hopeless case despite a 13.1-percent plunge (within a 7-year time frame) in its ranking in the so called "control of corruption benchmark."

In a paper titled "Governance and Social Accountability Mechanisms—Naga City, Philippines," presented by Robredo in Singapore, the 2000 Magsaysay awardee for government service underscored that the four pillars of good governance—transparency, predictability, accountability, and participation—could very well support replicable programs and projects to curb corruption problems in the country.

Robredo noted in his paper the World Bank definition of social accountability as "an approach towards building accountability that relies on civic engagement, i.e. in which it is ordinary citizens and/or civil society organizations who participate directly "more" or indirectly in exacting accountability."

He thus postulated the intersection of good governance and accountability, supporting, in the process, the necessity of "making public officials answerable for government behavior and responsive to the entity from which they derive their authority."

The city mayor highlighted four actual programs in Naga City buttressed by such four pillars of good governance:

- Kaantabay sa Kauswagan ("Partners in Development"). Originally conceived as a social housing program, it is now a poverty-alleviating initiative espousing tripartism (i.e. the local and national government agencies, urban poor associations backed up by nongovernment organizations, and private landowners working hand in hand to resolve contentious issues) and transparency in all its transactions. Now on its 17th year, Kaantabay sa Kauswagan has benefited 8,763 urban poor households.
- Local NGO councils and the Empowerment Ordinance. Naga, through an ordinance, institutionalized the People's Council composed of all the duly accredited nongovernment and people's organizations in the city, enabling them to directly participate in the conceptualization and implementation of city government policies and programs.
- The i-Governance Program. This further expands the limits of people power by actively engaging in the development process individuals who opt not to join formal groups or organizations. Optimizing the use of information and communications technology, the program seeks to institutionalize "information openness as a key principle underpinning governance," as the mayor aptly puts it.
- Participatory planning and budgetting initiatives. This year, the city government of Naga has embarked on an ambitious scheme to tap, through existing and mandated local councils and special bodies, virtually all sectors in the crafting of the annual budget for 2007, incorporating the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) set by the United Nations. Participative approaches, including multiple levels of consultation, are once again being used to the hilt here.

Of course, other LGUs have come up with their own initiatives in good governance and curbing corruption.

Along with Naga, they constitute the "shining stars" which, hopefully, will lead the nation out of the quagmire of corruption and underdevelopment.

But the journey, as indicated by the World Bank report, will certainly be tortuous and protracted. Robredo, for his part, shared some lessons learned in Naga's decades-long journey: That local society must secure a strong voice; that a variety of social accountability mechanisms exists, one often building up on others; and that local development planning and budgetting can further institutionalize accountability.

Perhaps, echoing the sentiments of the majority of his countrymen, Robredo wound up his presentation by affirming that there would always be "a better way" for his benighted Philippines

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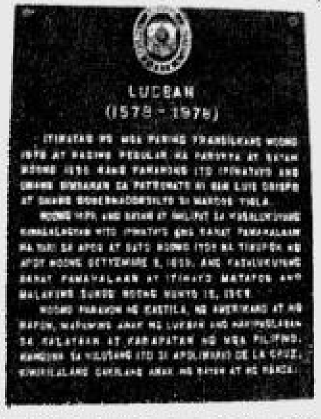


TOWN marker

Tina Arceo-Dumlao

IT'S HARD TO KEEP A progressive town like Lucban, Quezon, down.

That's why despite the uprooted trees, blown roofs of houses and buildings and crop damage in the wake of Typhoon "Milenyo," Lucban is back on its feet.

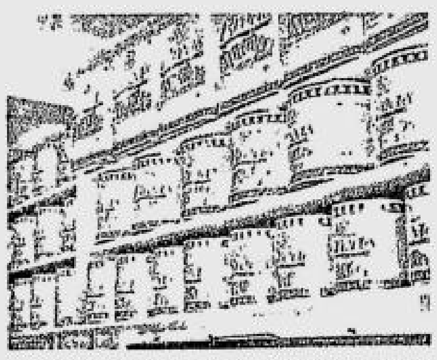
Lucban is a historic town at the foot of mystic Mt. Banahaw, which is known around the country as the birthplace of revolutionary Apolinario dela Cruz or Hermano Pule and the home of unique culinary delights.

These include the longganisa and pansit that bear the town's name, as well as baked goods such as broas, apas and puto seko.

Visitors come from all over and not only during the colorful Pahiyas harvest festival.

This has prompted the local government to support tourism activities and include the town in the culinary tour across different towns of Quezon.

It is hoped that in promoting tourism, more small and medium scale enterprises will be encouraged to cash in on the influx of tourists.



SWEET treats like Broas await visitors.

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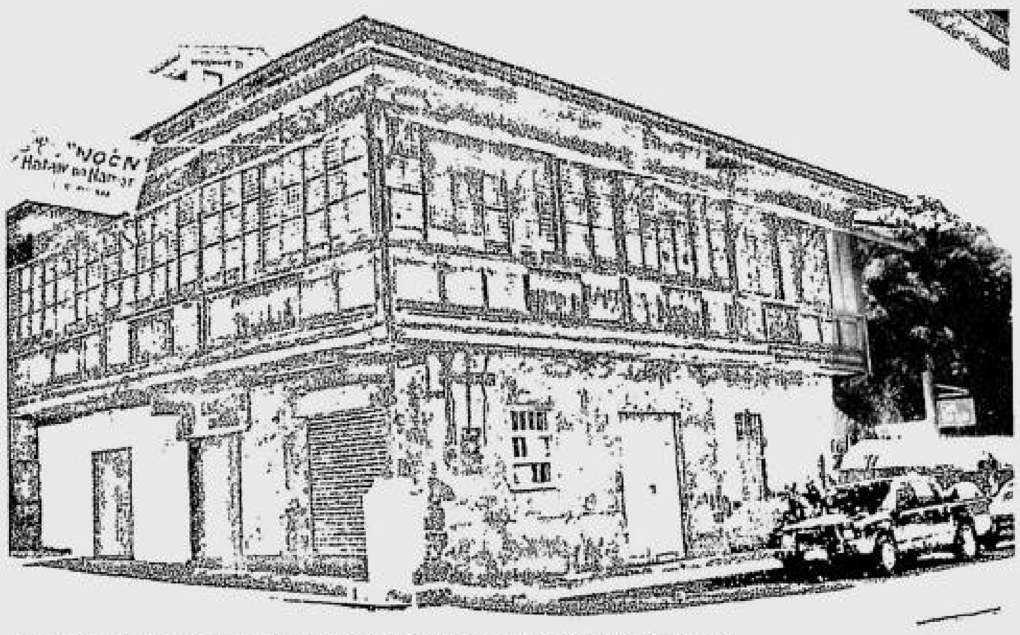
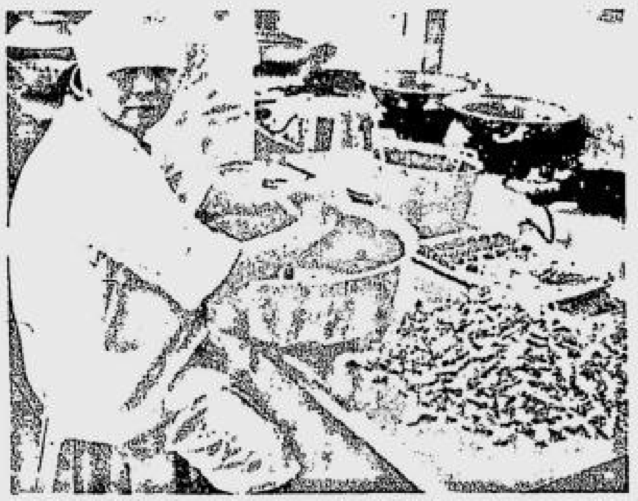
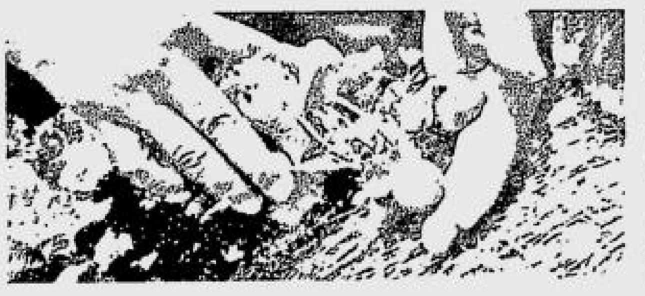


OLD houses along Quezon Street have been converted into shops.

Benguet to offer organic strawberries by December





CHOCOLATES and strawberries (right) are processed at the Benguet State University.

BAGUIO CITY—BENGUET HAS A CHRISTMAS gift for organic fruit lovers: luscious strawberries they can eat straight from the farm.

Dr. Rogelio Colting, Benguet State University president, says that they would be offering organic strawberries in stores this December.

"It will not just be any strawberry but the Sweet Charlie type which is very sweet and still very new here," says Colting in a forum here on Thursday.

Sweet Charlie, which is larger than the usual varieties, was first grown in Argentina but is popular in Florida, he says.

He says they have started to set up standards for international quality control for organic produce beginning with Robusta coffee and strawberries.

He says production of organic strawberries will hinge on the water treatment plant which they are constructing with the help of the La Trinidad Water District.

The water will be used to irrigate the 10-hectare strawberry farm on the BSU campus in Km 6 in La Trinidad.

Other prime consideration would be the red spider mites, which have been attacking the strawberries here for decades, Colting says.

Jose Dalaoing of the BSU's department of soil science says that they are going to wage a mite-against-mite campaign in their organic strawberries.

They are rearing *Amblyseius longispinosus*, native predatory mites, for the control of spider mites in their laboratory. The predatory mites suck dry the spider mites.

"The beauty of organic farming is that this can be possible. When pesticides are used, the predatory mites are killed," Dalaoing says.

He says this was the experience in their use of diadegma wasps in the fight against the diamondback moth, which destroyed the cabbage and other vegetable conifers years ago.

He says the massive use of pesticides then had been killing the wasps while the diamondback moth had become resistant to chemical inputs. Only when the farmers stopped using pesticides did the diadegma wasp become effective, he says.

The strawberry industry here used to be so dependent on pesticides that although tourists sometimes paid to pick strawberries, they are advised to wash them thoroughly before eating them.

Colting says organic strawberries are not really expensive and could be cheaper in the long run.

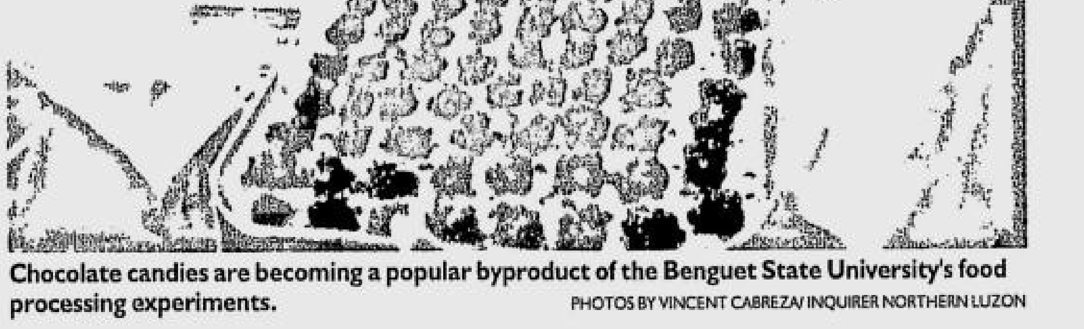
"The cost of production is in fact lower. It is only in labor that we spend more because organic farming means more manual work," he says.

"Compost would be used to rehabilitate and enrich the soil. We have lots of that in the farm."

He said that they would not need greenhouses to produce organic strawberries. BSU and other commercial strawberry farms here cover the ground with plastic to prevent weeds from taking over the plots. *Frank Cimatu, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

SWEET CHARLIE. These ordinary looking strawberries cultivated at the back of the Benguet State University are certified organic.

FUTURE FOOD. Organic strawberries may soon be sold in grocery stores.



Chocolate candies are becoming a popular byproduct of the Benguet State University's food processing experiments.

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Shopping in pink

It's a guiltless pleasure at the first-ever bazaar organized by I Can Serve Oct. 14-15 at The Loft, Rockwell, Makati, to mark breast-cancer awareness month

Text by Anne A. Jambora
Photos by Chito Vecina

IT'S THE BAZAAR DESIGNED to end all bazaars. High-end fashion and the finest of home accessories will be up for grabs in one marketplace at a fraction of their usual prices. Shop for Marc Jacobs or Vera Wang clothes or scour for charming home ornaments from Pottery Barn—all for a good cause.

"Tickled Pink," the first-ever bazaar staged by the nonstock, nonprofit breast-cancer advocacy group I Can Serve foundation, is set to take off Oct. 14-15 at The Loft, Rockwell, Makati. The fund-raiser will feature up to 16 select vendors, mostly local exporters that never sell or display their products in the country.

"We wanted to give the bazaar a cute name. Since the color pink is identified with breast cancer, we thought 'Tickled Pink' would be an apt name for the event," said breast-cancer survivor Bettina Osmeña, wife to Sen. Serge Osmeña.

A generous 25 percent of revenues collected from the event goes to the foundation that is in dire need of funds for its nationwide projects and campaigns for breast-cancer awareness. I Can Serve hopes to have a repeat of its most successful undertaking so far, "Silver Linings," a symposium held last year attended by over 600 participants from across the country.

The lifestyle bazaar will feature clothes

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SURVIVORS all and ready to serve: (from left) Bettina Osmeña, Ina Vergel de Dios, Kara Magsanoc-Alikpala and Ria Domingo

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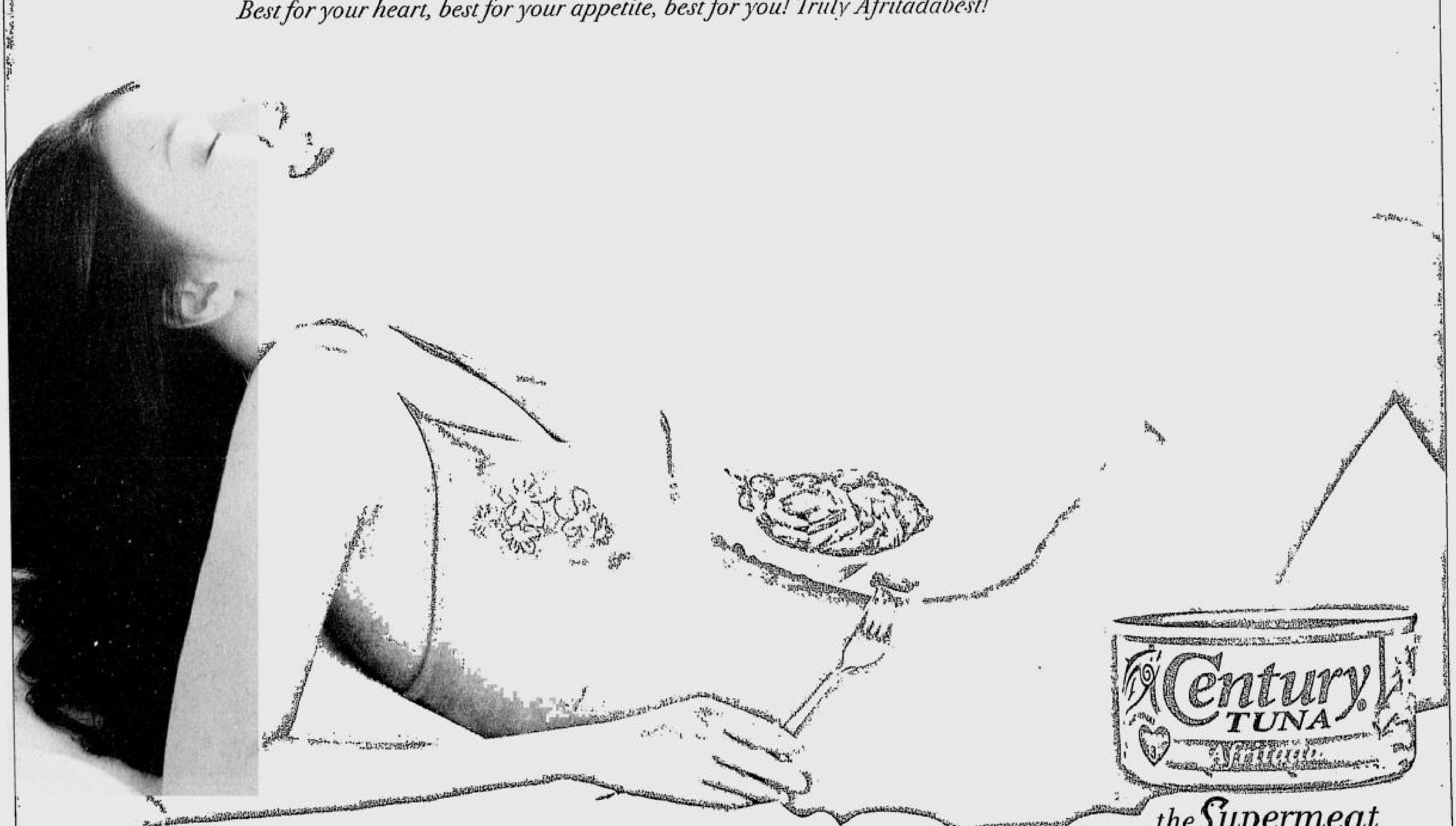
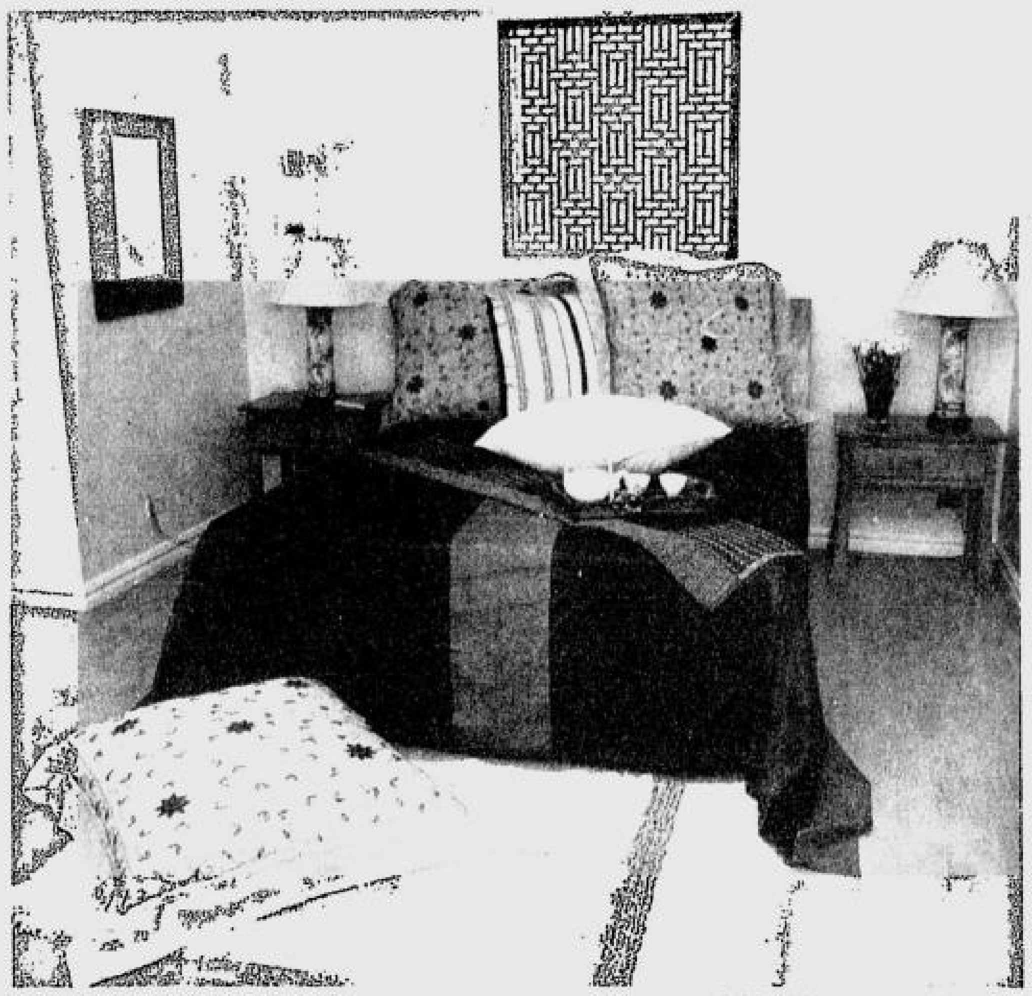
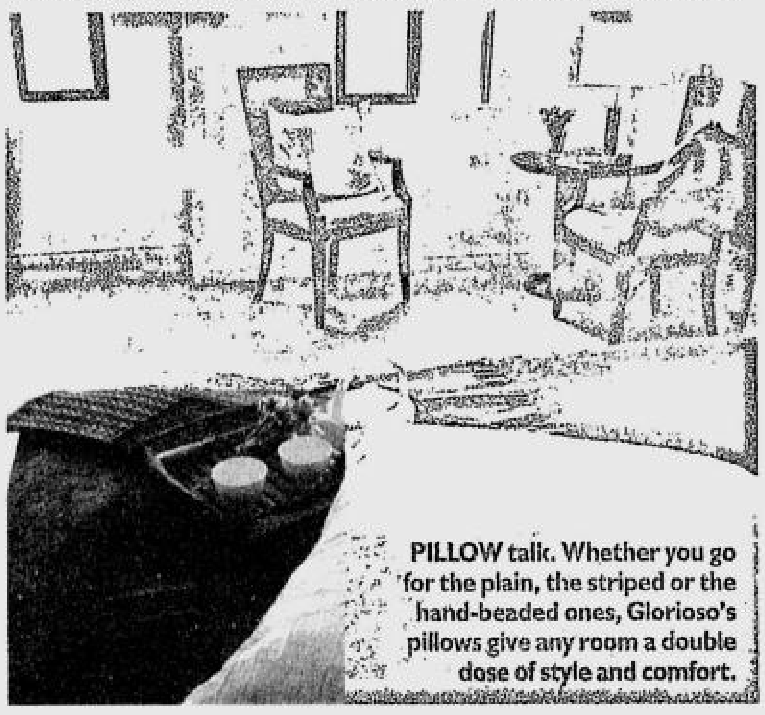


SOFA, so good. Swag, P600; kidney pillows, P200; big pillows, P350

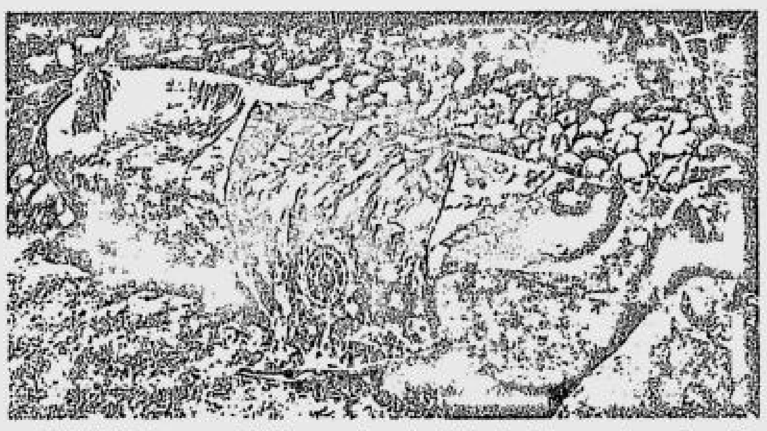
THIS table runner (P500) is both decorative and functional.



ROMY Glorioso's bed cover (P2,500), hand-beaded pillows (P2,500) and silk pillows (P500) bring life to the master's bedroom.



PILLOW talk. Whether you go for the plain, the striped or the hand-beaded ones, Glorioso's pillows give any room a double dose of style and comfort.



JACUZZI dreams. Chiffon *tapis* embellished with sequins and gold thread, P700-P1,200

Home accents from a homegrown talent

By Pam Pastor
Photos by Rudy Esperas

Give your interiors a dose of elegance with Romy Glorioso's futons, cushions, pillows and bed covers

ROMY GLORIOSO, ASIAN atelier extraordinaire, is at a glorious point in his life.

His business is flourishing and not only are clients flocking to his home in Lucban for more of his beautiful creations, various spas and real estate companies have also approached him, asking him to give their staff's resort wear and interiors the Glorioso touch.

Imperial Home Corporation's Tagaytay Meridian is no different. This residential retreat, which prides itself in being a spa community, has asked Glorioso to add a dose of elegance to the community's exclusive villas which are currently on the market.

Glorioso's futons, cushions, French pillows, bed covers and table runners find perfect harmony with the very Zen interiors created by Ernest Santiago. Glorioso's passion for all things Asian is evident in his creations—in the rich materials and fabrics and attention to detail.

"Earth colors are a good choice for homes. I especially like orange—it exudes good energy," he says.

His travels to India, Vietnam, Thailand and Korea continually inspire Glorioso's creativity. He likes using beads to add accents to pieces and he has a flair for finding the perfect indigenous fabrics.

Aside from accessories for the home, Glorioso also designs clothes. He is now focusing on resort wear—his Tausug pants and kimono-inspired jackets are must-buys.

The best part? His pieces are not mass-produced—each one feels and looks like a work of art.

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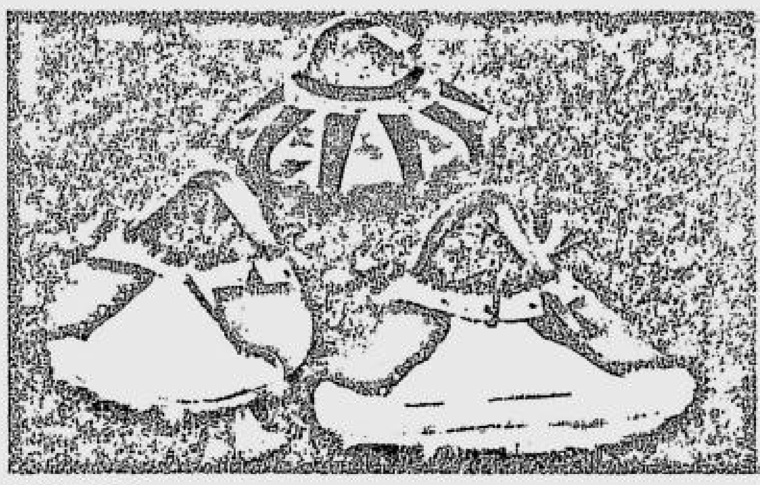

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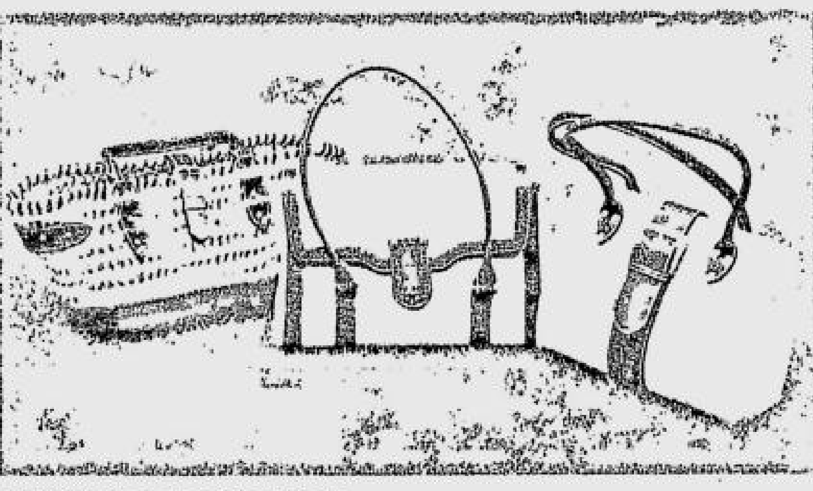

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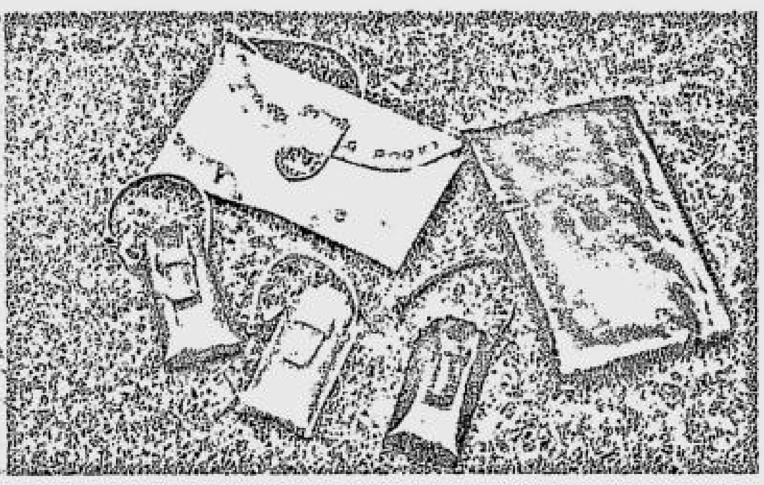

ENVELOPE purses and leather cell-phone cases

Shopping in pink

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provided by Joanne Tengco, Camille Genuino and Vanessa del Rosario that include fashionable brands such as BCBG and Diane Von Furstenberg; jewelry from Avatar Accessories Inc., Bettina Osmeña Jewelry, Victoria Marin Collection Inc. and Jacqui Boncan's Silverbox; handbags from Ching Feliciano, Talimaya Gift and Fashion Accessories, Martinique Int'l.; home décor from Rapal Handicrafts, ELM Accessories de Casa, Maricris Brias' Tadeco, Auxie Burgos' 3A's Craft Accents and Pottery Barn; and spa packages from The Farm of San Benito.

"These are all brand-new items. Clothes are factory overruns sourced from China," Osmeña said.

Conscious effort

Osmeña said I Can Serve has partnered with the Philippine School of Interior Design (PSID) to conceptualize and execute the bazaar's interior design, while Florasilk Inc. has agreed to supply the décor. She said it has been a conscious effort to veer away from the typical look of many bazaars. This is, after all, a support group whose symposiums include free haircuts and wig demonstrations.

"Everyone is touched by breast cancer one way or the other," said one of the bazaar's organizers, Ina Vergel de Dios.

The devastating disease afflicts many Filipinas, continued Osmeña, and many more are indigents who seek help from I Can Serve for financial assistance. It is debilitating enough to be diagnosed with breast cancer, she said, and more so when patients do not have the means for a decent treatment that can easily rake in half a million pesos.

Through public support of "Tickled Pink," money raised will go a long way to help empower cancer-stricken women with informed decisions about their health. I Can Serve believes in a holistic approach to battling cancer. Aside from having a lineup of competent doctors and an e-group support from about 100 members, the foundation also has seminars on meditation and beauty tips.

"Tickled Pink" is sponsored by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, PSID, Rockwell Land, Florasilk Inc., 92.3 Joey, Goody Products Phils., HSBC, Mario Badescu, Southeast Asia Food Inc., Nokia Phils., Fruit Magic, Jamaican Patties, Lufthansa Airlines, Cynthia Villar, Pagcor and the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

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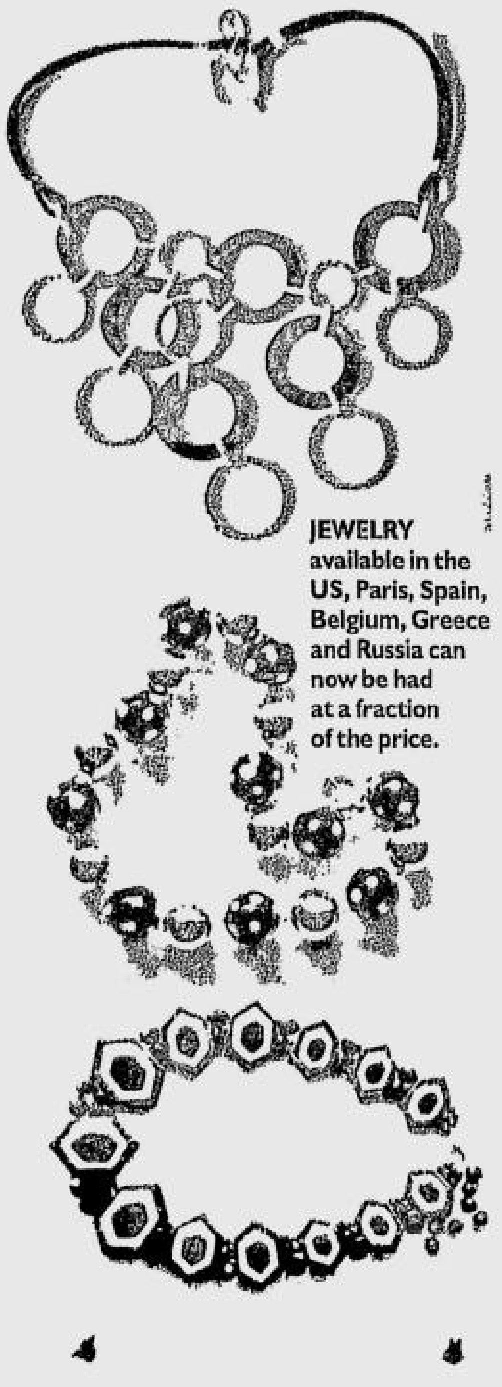

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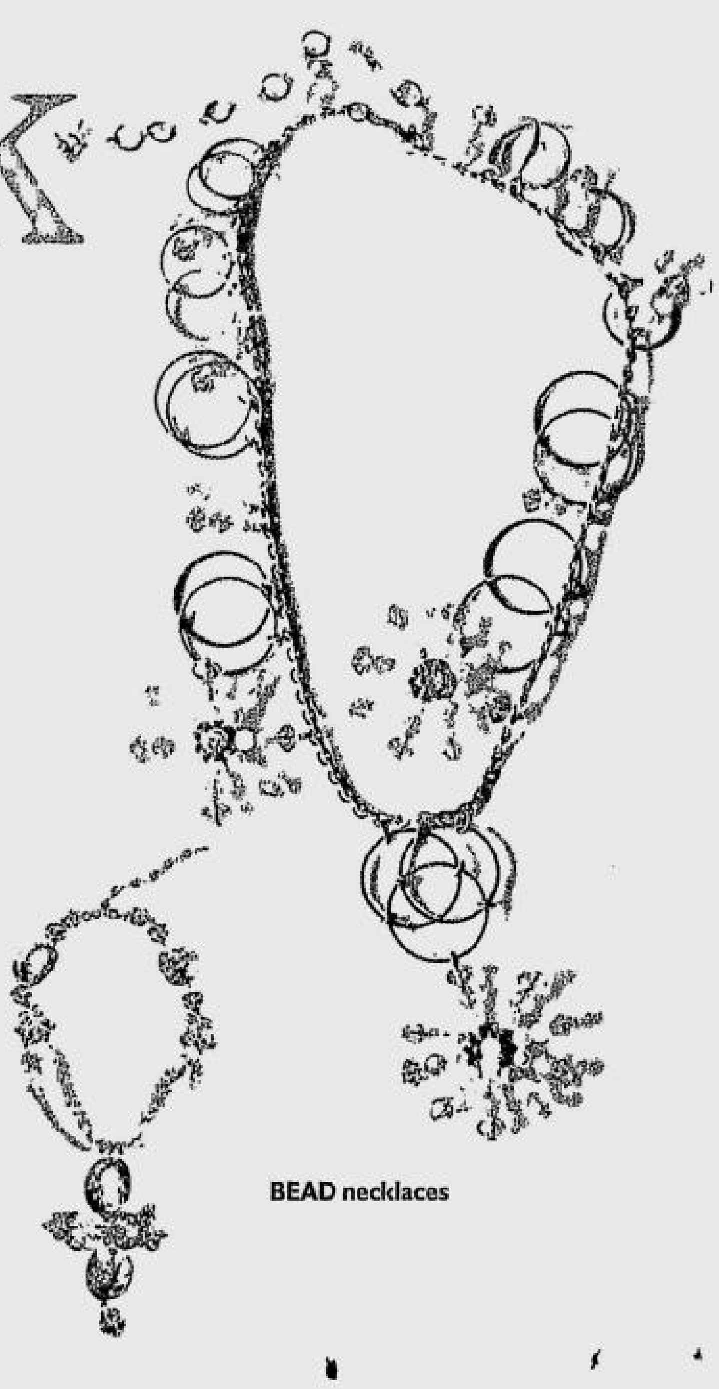

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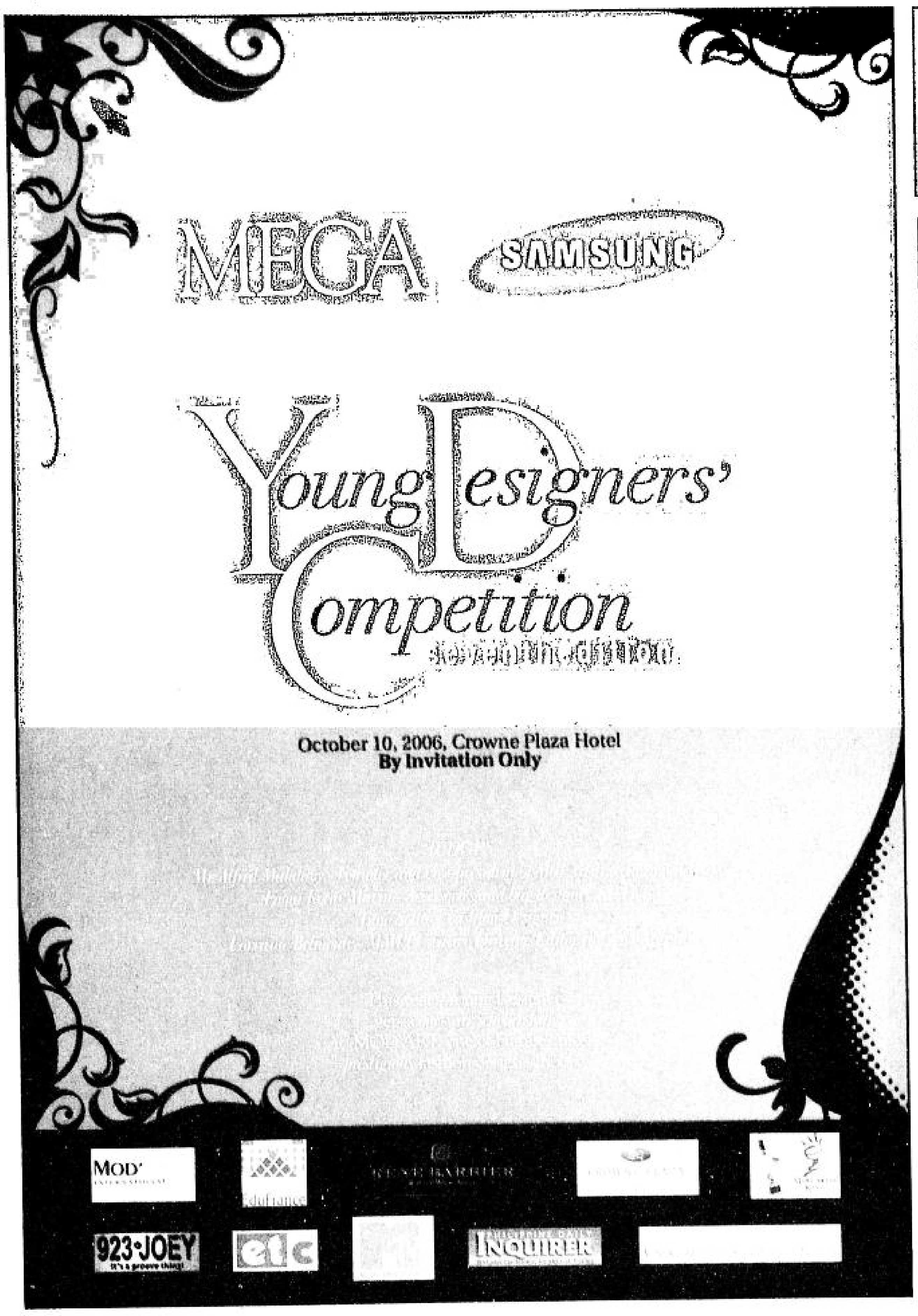

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Communication Counts: WeRoam Connectivity

To say the least, effective mobile broadband links are critical to operations, especially since there is a global standard to measure up to. Initial WeRoam units filled the bill until upgrades became necessary to accommodate more applications that employees needed to access at a much faster speed. And luckily for them, their PLDT Relationship Manager (RM), delivered the ideal solution: PLDT WeRoam with WiFi, 3G/HSDPA and GPRS/EDGE.

"I'm quite familiar with the mobile force requirement of a pharmaceutical company", PLDT RM, Irene De Guzman, says, "Allan Almazar was a user of our first WeRoam variant, but for Hospira's new bandwidth-intensive applications, I knew I had to give him something more robust. This was when I introduced him to WeRoam equipped with WiFi, 3G/HSDPA and GPRS/EDGE."

This latest version of WeRoam combines WiFi and GPRS/EDGE technology with the PLDT Group's unmatched 3G/HSDPA coverage to enable faster VPN (virtual private network) or Internet connectivity in most parts of the country.

"Our RM told us that something more powerful will be available soon for WeRoam," says Allan Almazar, "Obviously that was the ticket. We needed a faster way in which we could access the Net with heavier data, and WeRoam with 3G/HSDPA came along. So I said, 'I want to be first'."

The Value Proposition: Relationships That Matter

Almazar is clearly happy with this win-win partnership. "It's important that the vendors you partner with are effective," he says, "Even if we were a relatively smaller account versus other accounts she handled, we were delighted that our RM took the time to help us, manage our issues and provide us with solutions". He appreciates Hospira's liaison with PLDT so much that he has decided to avail of many other services for company employees. "Now, we have our Territory Managers and District Managers not only equipped with laptops with WeRoam, but we also have them on SMART mobile phones. And more often than not, we have PLDT landlines and DSL at home. It really works with one company that provides all modes of communication—it is more cost-effective and operationally efficient for us."

Price was not the only factor that Almazar considered when Hospira's partnership with PLDT was signed and sealed. His definition of first-rate service extends beyond technology. Hospira Philippines is a company that wants solutions, which entail maintaining good rapport with PLDT's sales representatives and consultants. "I'm also a sales person," he says, "Price is not the only object. My goal is to be ahead of the game all the time. I go with dependability and flexibility; PLDT dialogues with me constantly, determines how my needs will eventually evolve and tries to offer the service that could provide the required change. This kind of synergistic partnership is identical to the partnerships that Hospira fosters with their hospital customers. At the end of the day, Hospira measures its success by how we have *Advanced Wellness* in our customers' lives."

Although his company was initially approached by many other suppliers, Almazar admits the attitude of PLDT's sales force was what eventually won him over. The scales then rapidly tipped and the rest is Hospira history. Today, both companies agree that their timely collaboration couldn't be more satisfactory.

"The secret is relationship management," Allan Almazar says, "(There is) a focal person trying to liaise with the customer's technical, customer service, finance, legal, as well as other critical business units. We have the same customer interface model as PLDT. Our Hospira Territory Managers are highly skilled and empowered front liners. Like PLDT, this is how Hospira Philippines assures its customers they are in good hands."

And how does Hospira's Country Manager feel about his upgrade to WeRoam with 3G/HSDPA? "We can't be effective without it, plain and simple."

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(Left) PLDT RM Irene de Guzman talks about WeRoam service support. (Center) Hospira Philippines, Inc. Managers take the new WeRoam service for a test drive. (Right) Hospira Philippines and Indonesia Country Manager Allan Almazar addressing the sales and marketing team during their national conference.

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ENERGY VAMPIRES DO EXIST. Unconsciously, I have been feasting on anyone that comes within meters of me. My energy level has been depleting lately, due to the major preparations for my Assumption Velada that debuts a week from today.

All the work has so many minute details that need to be personally attended to—putting embellishments on costumes, layering African fabrics, emoting at flamenco practices and publishing the souvenir magazine—all for the good of the school and so that all of us alums can all have a fabulous affair to remember for years.

A young, lively group of the Assumption High School Feature Journalism students were my latest victims, as I relived my high school years in a talk to them. Nine bright and enthusiastic students from different levels came with their moderator, Ms **Leah Velencina**, to have a mini-session on creative writing.

It was timely to have them in my house and get a glimpse of the high-school scene of this era. So much has changed in technology, infrastructure and teaching techniques and yet, at the same time, so many things have not been altered such as simplicity and fidelity to duty. I guess all these years have not changed the Assumption values and teachings, as instilled by the Assumption nuns.

JEWELRY designer Manny Capulla

> Meeting with bubbling Assumption students, I try to draw their young energy to myself and revive my flagging vitality

The students said that the classic "*tusok-tusok* the fish balls" line still exists. Some mentioned stress and taxing homework and terror teachers but all in all, they were unanimously proud of being Assumptionistas.

These girls are living in very exciting times, full of ambition, passion and compassion. In between their lines was talk of being socially responsible; remaining God-fearing; and, with big smiles on their faces, talk of boys, fashion and computers. I could relate to all from my memories of high school, minus the part about computers, of course. I found it amazing that these kids were born only a decade and a half ago. I did really needed to suck up their energy levels, which combined to restore my vitality.

Tequila nights

Going down memory lane seems to be the new trend now even on the social circuit. The launch party of 1800 Tequila started with DJ **Boyet Almazan** playing music from the '80s. Host for the launch was **Crystal**, while Mocha and Her Band entertained the bubbly party people.

Exclusively distributed by Premier Wine & Spirits, the 1800 Tequila portfolio includes different concoctions of smooth vanilla, butterscotch and even chocolate. I am not much of a drinker, but put chocolate in anything and I will drink it.

Banana days

Meanwhile, Metro Society magazine's second anniversary party at the Shangri-La Edsa Hotel Ballroom brought back the wildly gay and vibrant days of Coco Banana. Innuendo was thrown out the window, beginning with their phallic invitation featuring two disco balls and banana—truly a teaser for bringing back a bygone era. Sponsored by Motorola, Globe Platinum, Victorinox and Mango Rhum, the anniversary party was held the night after the killer Milenyo storm and became a nostalgic evening of spirited abandon and a shocker for the younger generation.

In the late '70s up to the mid-'80s, "I Love the Night Life" could only mean Coco Banana. Metro Society and legendary party king **Ernest Santiago** brought Coco back for one night. As my belly-dancing classmate **Evelyn Forbes** said, it was just great to be with dear old friends and really relive those glorious days of being carefree spirits fueled by unlimited booze.

Coco Banana was home to our local version of La Cage aux Folles. That evening was full of female impersonators, an impressive array of bar chow and overflowing drinks, all combining to make the Metro Society party a total blast.

Lately, I have been seeing a lot of the ABS-CBN Publishing family because this whole month is the Metrowear Series. In support of Philippine fashion, Samsung and Metro Magazine are hosting several fashion shows featuring the country's top couturiers showing off their latest holiday collections. Last week featured beautiful creations by **Rajo Laurel**, **Dennis Lustico** and **Rhett Eala**. Tomorrow at the Rockwell Loft, there will another show featuring **Lulu Tan Gan**, **Katrina Goulbourn** and **Jun Escario**.

Be there to support Philippine fashion, because no one else will if you don't. Besides, if you're an energy vampire like me, you gotta dress the part!

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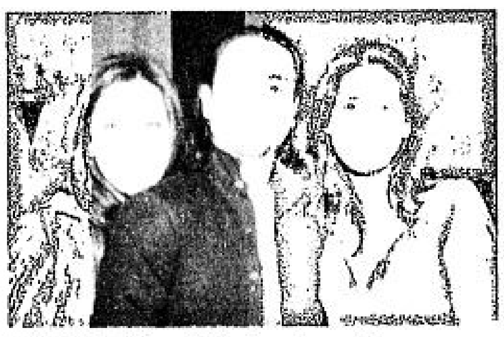

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Symposium on abortion

THE WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT 201 Class (Feminist Theories and Development) under Dr. Sylvia Estrada-Claudio is holding a symposium titled "Abortion as a Reproductive Right: Women's Perspectives" at the UP College of Social Work and Community Development room 201 at 5 p.m., Oct. 9.

Various women's organizations will present their perspectives on this issue. Participating organizations are Likhaan, Women's Crisis Center, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, Education Forum, WomenLead and Gabriela. The first half of the forum will be devoted to perspective sharing, after which there will be an open forum.

Attendance is free. Call 09174674187 or E-mail jelina@gmail.com.

Back-to-back seminars on autism

THE AUTISM SOCIETY PHILIPPINES presents back-to-back seminars on Oct. 14 at the Asian Social Institute, 1518 Leon Guinto cor. Escoda Sts. Malate, Manila.

"TEACCHing at Home and School" will be at 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, with Erlinda "Dang" Koe as speaker.

The session will focus on structured teaching as an effective teaching strategy for children with autism and related Pervasive Developmental Disorders.

Scheduled from 1-4 p.m. is "Transitioning Individuals with Special Needs" by Archie David, program director of the Independent Living Learning Center and assistant professor of the UP College of Allied Medical Professions.

Call 9266941 or 436 8713; e-mail info@autismphils.org/autismphils@pacific.net.ph.

ONE BOTTLE of Chivas is all it takes to take partying to a whole new level.

MEN WHO MATTER. Migi Romero and Freddie Guerrero enjoy the scene at the latest Chivas bash in Metro Phi Resto Bar.

PERNOD-RICARD'S Cheryl Que and Joey Pineda can't be seen without their Chivas.

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CHEERS TO CHIVAS! Jasmin Magsajo, Karen Certeza and mixmeister DJ Emanuel with their favorite mixes in hand

CHIVAS Sirens Myru, Kristelle, Joey and Shirley with Pernod-Ricard's Paul Sanga and Christopher Lazaro

Manhattan-themed party rocks Manila

PEOPLE RECENTLY FLOCKED TO THE Chivas life bash at the Phi Resto Bar of the Metrowalk Commercial Complex. The theme of the party was Manhattan, New York.

Fresh off the plane, Bangkok-based DJ Emanuel Skinner took his place behind the decks and started a funky free-for-all.

"I love it when I'm feeling the crowd and they're feeling me," said the American mixmeister. "It's great being able to share what you love."

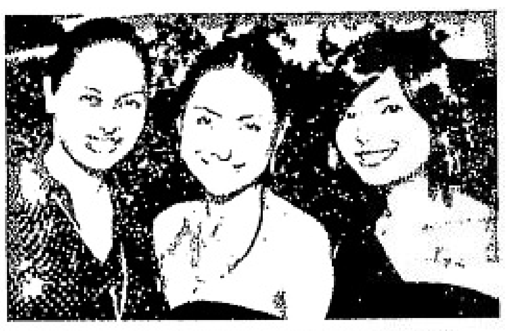
Skinner played the sounds of New York as well as his brand of "pumping funky tribal disko house music."

The Manhattan mania at the Metro Phi was an encore to the funkathon at the Embassy before.

Also providing fun to the affair were the graphic designs and motion graphics of VJ DSK and the visual performance of Jean-Pierre Brown.

The clubbing people helped themselves to the night's special blends from Chivas such as Green Tea, Sunrise and Cooler.

The metro's party denizens said they would wait for the invite to Chivas Regal's next party stop.



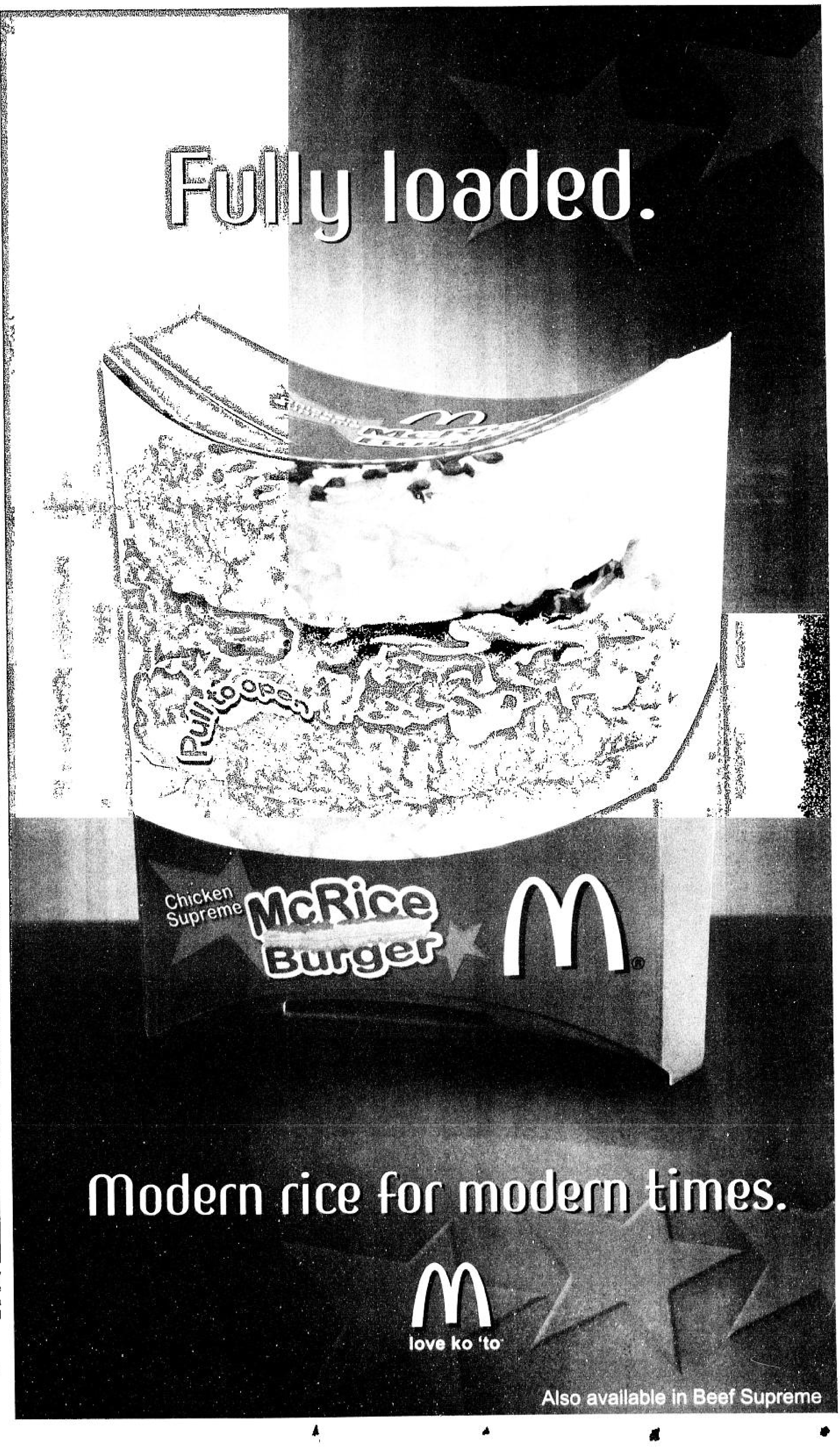
BEAUTIFUL faces all in a row . Top models Isabel Roces, TV host Phoemela Barranda and Rissa Samson

MAGICIAN JB lays Kai Nakanishi's cards on the table.

DJ STEWART has the crowd grooving to his NuSkool breakbeats

CHIVAS party icons Maxine Chua, Donna Pita and Keren Pascual

YOU'VE got male. Louie and Cedric Kao are all smiles at the bash.



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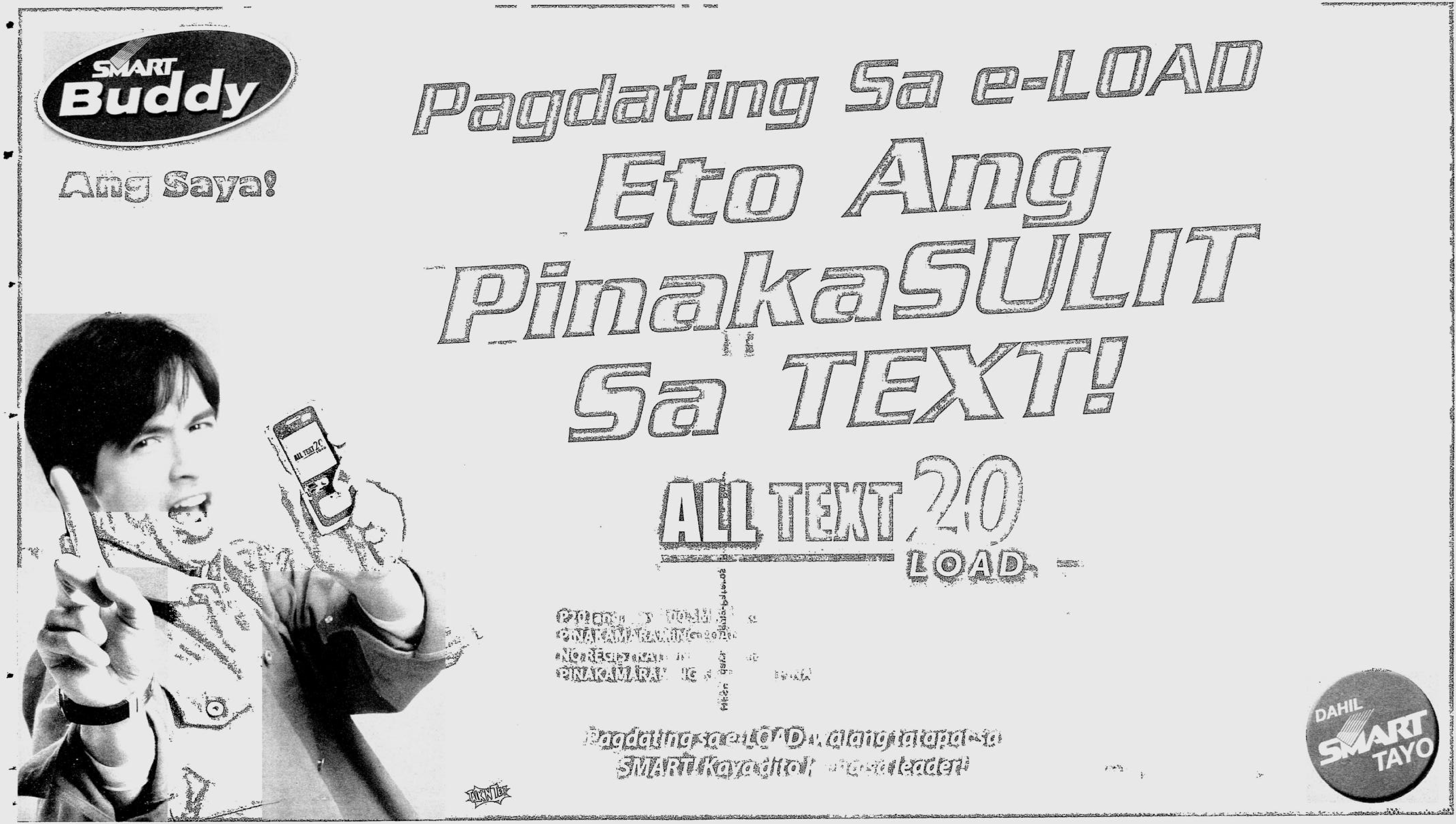
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MAX and Zenaida Balajadia

30 loving years, and counting

THEY LOVED EACH other 30 years ago. They are just as in love today.

Maximo and Zenaida Balajadia, two well-known personalities in the pharmaceutical industry, recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary at a luxurious resort-hotel on Mactan Island, Cebu.

Maximo Balajadia's original plan was to celebrate on their 50th wedding anniversary. But his wife, Zenaida, thought it wasn't such a great idea. It would be such a long wait and she might be on a wheelchair by then.

So how did the idea of a celebration begin? A month before their anniversary, the Balajadias attended a wedding at Shangri-La Mactan. Before that event, the couple just wanted to celebrate their anniversary by going to Europe for a vacation. But since they fell in love with the resort, they decided they should just bring the whole family there to have a simple and relaxed family celebration instead.

Maximo wanted to bring the whole family to Mactan for a simple celebration, but Zenaida had other plans. She invited close relatives, friends, business associates and partners to surprise Maximo with a wedding!

She was not going to wait for their 50th anniversary for a grand celebration. For her, this year was just the right time to celebrate.

But little did Zenaida know that Maximo had a surprise for her as well. With the help of his three sons, they produced a video interview of Maximo expressing his love for his wife.

The details of the wedding were superb.

The color motif at the Shangri-La's Ocean Pavilion was light turquoise with a touch of pink. The Calliente Band of Cebu provided the beautiful music for the celebration. The theme was 1950s and 1970s classics and ballroom music as well.

And the food was part of the Under the Stars Package of the hotel. It was a buffet of mostly grilled-on-the-spot seafoods—a mix of rock lobsters, tiger prawns and a lot more. Steak and chicken were also served to complement the menu. Various cold appetizers and dessert plates were served as well.

The flowers and wedding coordination were provided by Bouquets & Baskets by Jenny Monzon and Iris Castillo of Sweet Beginnings, respectively. Guests loved their sense of style. They did a great job with the bouquets, in decorating the venue and in coordinating the whole surprise. Iris also hosted the reception. Without her the wedding wouldn't have been a success.

Likewise, hats off to Anna and Kurt, events coordinators of Shangri-La Mactan. They were also a big part of the wedding's success. Finally, the family is grateful to Mr. and Ms Jun Luna who helped in so many ways with the wedding plans and preparations.

WITH their grandchildren

Super-typhoon

The scene was very much different when the Balajadias got married on June 27, 1976, after a very short three-week engagement. They were both 23 at that time.

A super typhoon was raging during their wedding day, one of the biggest to hit the city of Manila. The flooded streets made it almost impossible to pass through them.

Everyone wanted to postpone the wedding, but Maximo refused to cancel. The reason—the hogs to be served had already been

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SOROPTIMIST scholar Digna Dacsil (second from left) with Soroptimist Founder Manila officers Amparo Araullo, Minda Garcia and Lyn Imperio

Book shows the way to salvation

PURELY PERSONAL
Josephine Darang

WHEN EDGAR DE VERA was growing up, he remembers kneeling with his siblings in front of the altar at home praying the Holy Rosary in Spanish.

His grandmother, Presentacion Perez de Vera, mother of his father, the late Teodoro de Vera, saw to it that her grandchildren prayed the Rosary every day.

Many years later, with children of his own, Edgar showed his appreciation for the Rosary that helped shape his life into an upright faithful son of the Catholic Church by writing "Catholic Soul." Completed two years ago, it was officially launched last year.

In the chapter "Beads of Salvation History," Edgar shows that praying the Rosary is praying with the Blessed Virgin Mary.

He writes, "Many non-Catholics perceive devotion to Mary in her Rosary as overshadowing Jesus. Fundamentalist sects accuse that it is a repetitive babbling with beads of pagan origin in the worship of a Catholic goddess. How sadly mistaken. Mary is the mother of Jesus and we honor her; adoration is reserved for God alone."

Fr. James Reuter, who did the foreword, says "the book is certainly concise, with scholarly knowledge packed into every page… and his theology would satisfy even an eagle-eyed passionate, conservative theologian like His Holiness Benedict XVI."

"Catholic Soul" contains concise essays in Catholic Apologetics. It is a must-read for every catechist, even priests.

Edgar wants to distribute his book free to parishes all over the country, but he needs a sponsor. Those who are interested to help can text him at 0917-5267652.

He says he wrote the book to provide an easy-to-read explanation of the faith, especially answers to fundamentalist questions and attacks.

The book is available at the National Book Store, PowerBooks, and Totus Tuus Bookstore at 2/F, Red Ribbon Building, Missouri cor. Connecticut Sts., Greenhills.

Call 7234326. Shepherd's Staff bookstores in malls also have it.

Fiesta

The city of Las Piñas will mark the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Oct. 15, with a concelebrated Mass at 6 p.m. Papal Nuncio Fernando Filoni will be main celebrant. Concelebrating with him are Parañaque Bishop Jesse Mercado, Antipolo Bishop Gabriel Reyes and Infanta Bishop Rolando Tirona.

After the Mass, there will be a grand procession around the parish. Accompanying the Virgin are the images of "Tata Husep" from St. Joseph Parish, Sto. Niño from Tondo and St. Joachim and St. Anne from the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. Anne in Taguig City.

Masses will also be held 5:30 a.m., 6:45 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 15.

Parish

Fr. Joel Fara-on, parish priest of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Dumarao, Capiz, is asking for help. The parish is in a mountainous area composed of eight barrios with 32 chapels. The center of the parish is in barrio Dacuton, 17 km away from the town proper of Dumarao and 65 km away from Roxas City.

Rough roads connect Dacuton to other areas and it is accessible only by motorbike.

Father Joel writes, "Sometimes it's hard for me to go to the chapels to say Mass or administer the Last Sacraments. I have to rent a motorbike because the parish has no means of transportation. The parish is considered a 'mission parish.'"

Father Joel says the church is badly in need of repair but the cost of rehabilitation is too heavy for parishioners whose only sources of income are charcoal-making, planting rice, growing *camote* and cassava.

When there are big celebrations, parishioners borrow the quadrangle of the nearest school to accommodate the faithful. The *convento* is also in need of repair. It is made of light materials like coco lumber and bamboo.

During the pastoral visit of the archbishop, Father Joel asked one family to host him and some priests.

Those who want to help can text Fr. Joel at 0919-6348137.

The feast day of Our Lady of Fatima is Oct. 15.

Scholar

Soroptimist Founder Manila gave the Women's Opportunity Award scholarship to Digna Clare Dacsil, 21, to enable her to study behavior sciences at the University of the Philippines-Manila. The awarding was held at the Jade Vine Restaurant. Soroptimist officers present included Amparo Araullo, president; Minda Garcia, past president; and Lyn Imperio, project chair.

The club is also giving a free computer course to the poor at the Mega building on Sgt. Bumatay Street, Mandaluyong. Each class is required to attend 12 sessions. Pat Cuyugan, chair of the project, was able to gather 50 students from different *barangays* in the area.

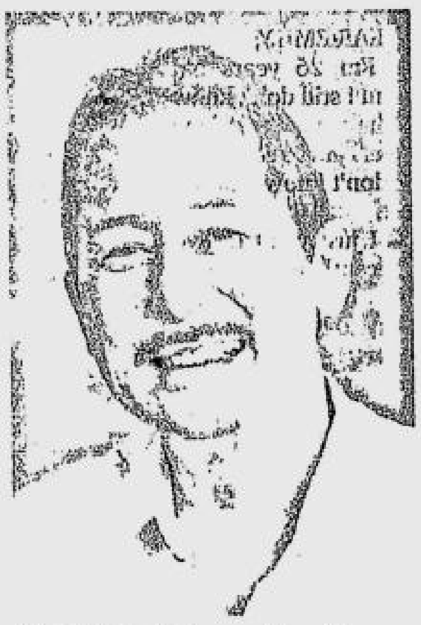
Award recipient

Soroptimist Founder Manila was second place in the Human Rights for Women and Girls Award at the recent 39th Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, which was attended by eight delegates from the Philippines. They were Garcia, then president; Araullo, president for 2006-2008; district director Cora Cadeliña; Josie Reyes, incoming president; Georgia Alviar, PRO; Esperanza Ignacio, assistant treasurer; Diwata Baluyot and Yolanda Hernandez, past national presidents.

Holy Land

After a reassuring advisory from the Ministry of Tourism in Israel, travel agents are once again organizing pilgrimages to the Holy Land. A group is leaving Nov. 18 to Holy Land and will proceed to Egypt, Greece and other places. Call 5211638 or 5211698 (Adam's Travel).

Happy feast day of Our Lady of La Naval.



EDGARDO de Vera, author of "Catholic Soul"

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PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

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10 Hot brew
13 Spoke gratingly
19 Pt. of USA
20 Bikers' race
22 City in Spain
23 "The Lion King" queen
24 Make drunk
25 Gambler
26 Apes agitate a singing ensemble?
29 IRS concern
30 — buco (veal dish)
31 Suffix with percent
32 Tenth mo.
33 Ore— (frozen fries brand)
36 Old — hills
38 Marx's "— Kapital"
40 A couple
41 "Freeze!"
42 More modest pictures from the big top?
49 "Keep this in"
51 "— my wit's end"
52 Enjoy lunch
53 1999-2004 Oldsmobile model
54 Spasmodic inhalation placates a crustacean?
59 Ogden resident
60 Lucid
61 Regret
62 Little kid
63 Lubricant
66 Pews, e.g.
69 Stitch (up)
71 Device like a Palm Pilot, for short
74 Vegas intro
76 Kingdom in which Ruth lived
78 — -ski
80 Carve a more sentimental breastpin?
87 Crouch
89 Clumsy guy
90 "Doe, — …"
91 Don't leave
92 Clerics have a woman's shirt brought in from abroad?
97 Minnesota governor Carlson
98 Nile serpent
99 Fair-hiring abbr.
100 Pulls back
103 Wet dirt
104 Israeli weapon
105 Reel's partner
107 Klondike vehicle
110 Premaritally named
111 Explorer whose name is rearranged five times in this puzzle
117 Declare without proof
119 Wheel and axle, e.g.
120 "Fame" star Irene
121 Silk fabrics
122 Keep saying
123 Druggist's weight
124 Old pro
125 Raggedy —
126 Furniture designer Charles
127 Bit of land in the sea

DOWN
1 Holy places
2 Indians of Nebraska
3 Cartoon character with a magic bag of tricks
4 Brit's trolley
5 Out of kilter
6 Peaks, in Paris
7 In — (in the womb)
8 "Rio —" (John Wayne film)
9 Pale brown
10 "… and — a good-night"
11 Perfumer Lauder
12 "Now hold on —!"
13 1987 film about a cyborg policeman
14 Fend off
15 In — (not disturbed)
16 Paid dog walker, perhaps
17 Tokyo of old
18 Palme — (Cannes award)
21 Actor Giovanni
27 Ode, e.g.
28 "— it going?"
34 It's in a jamb
35 Lhasa — (dog breed)
37 Rabbit pen
38 Serious plays
39 Opening play division
40 Private teacher
41 Foot bottom
43 Heart monitor sound
44 — -di-dah
45 Ostrich relatives
46 Where you live: Abbr.
47 "Silent" president
48 Fedora, e.g.
49 Seal up
50 Jackson 5 brother
55 Card game shout
56 Chews (out)
57 City vehicle
58 Watch
64 Afflicted
65 Racing unit
67 "… love, and a time —": Ecclesiastes 3:8
68 Stated as fact
70 Big conflict
71 Gym snacks
72 Ten: Prefix
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75 Trample
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79 Oater band
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81 Pear center
82 Scanned product ID
83 Tourist's aid
84 Alien ship
85 Sis, for one: Abbr.
86 Sis sibling
87 Sucker play
88 Drive- —
93 Most foggy
94 Osiris' wife
95 Extremely popular
96 Language of Pakistan
101 Of the spinal cord, e.g.
102 Big Bird's street
104 Person exhorting
105 French city where Joan of Arc died
106 Choose to take part
107 "Get lost!"
108 Singer Lenya
109 Someone — problem
112 In this place
113 Lipinski of the ice
114 Duel sword
115 — avis
116 Caesar's 1,401
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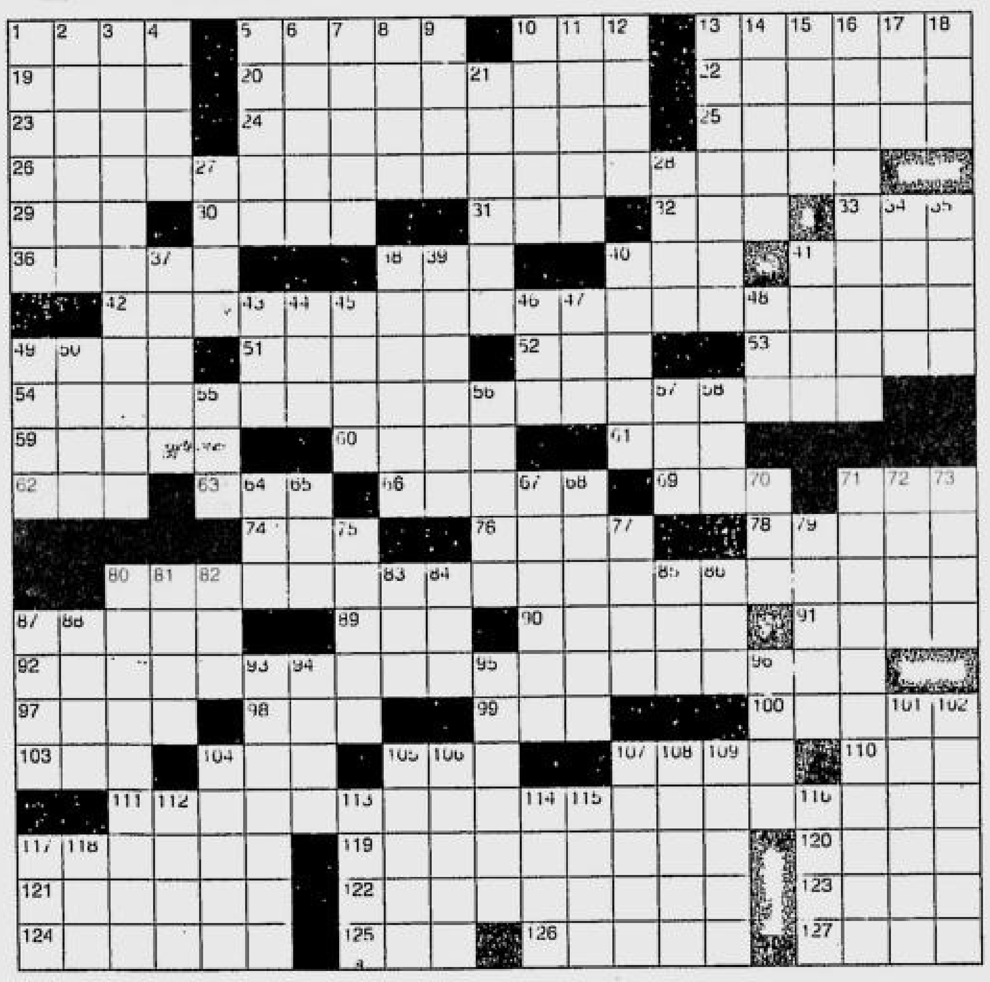
118 Fish in a bagel shop



30 loving years, and counting

The Balajadias celebrated their third decade as husband and wife at a luxurious resort-hotel on Mactan

THE BALAJADIA clan

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slaughtered!

The typhoon had caused the wedding before them to be canceled. It was actually a blessing for Maximo and Zenaida. The couple was able to use the more extravagant church set-up—carpets, flowers and all—for their "not to be canceled" wedding. It was something they couldn't otherwise afford on a small budget of P2,000. Zenaida even made her own wedding gown to save money. In addition to that, due to a very tight budget, they even borrowed a friend's camera for their pictures. They just paid him for the film. But the rest was history.

Love at first sight

Maximo and Zenaida grew up in Concepcion, Tarlac. Maximo's parents were Pedro Balajadia and Isabel Ponce. Zenaida's parents were Miguel Dizon and Lourdes David.

The young couple met during a dance. It was love at first sight. But they got separated during college: He had to go to Far Eastern University and she to the University of Santo Tomas, both in Manila.

Maximo was a working student at that time. Three years later, he unexpectedly saw Zenaida again. He was with the delivery team assigned to bring goods to the UST area. He resolved that no distance or obstacle would separate them ever again.

The couple started business early on in their careers. They knew the corporate life was not for them. They started a Quezon City-based pharmaceutical trading company within one year of their marriage. It is known now as MDLD Interchemical Industries Inc., one of the biggest pharmaceutical raw materials importers in the country.

Their entrepreneurial spirit didn't stop there. Years later they were able to build Lloyd Laboratories, which is located in Bulacan. Now, it is also one of the leading pharmaceutical toll manufacturing plants in the country. What started as a small business 30 years ago is now a 500-person pharmaceutical organization.

Three boys

The couple's union was blessed with three boys: Dennis, Lloyd and Dick.

Dennis, the eldest, is married to Emily Yanga, and they have three kids: Nico, Erika and Apolene. Dennis is an entrepreneur whose quest is to build global brands.

Lloyd, the second son, recently got married to Phoebe Panganiban. He is a medical doctor and enjoys helping the needy and giving free consultations to families employed by the Balajadias. Most of his time is devoted to managing the family business.

Dick, the youngest, is a chef. He finished his culinary training at a school in San Francisco, California. He is currently handling Halfmoon, a desserts place in Tomas Morato, QC, and SM Mall of Asia. He looks forward to opening more restaurants soon.

Their parents always told them: Life, including marriage, is all about give and take. And that's what keeps the Balajadia boys on track.

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Highlight of the event was the bridal fashion show directed by Jackie Aquino, featuring creations by Rhett Eala, Rajo Laurel, Joji Lloren, Tonichi Nocom, Randy Ortiz and Patrice Ramos Diaz.

The first four couples who will have their wedding receptions at Splendido Taal were feted: Charles Pareno and Marilyn Perez, John Carlo Peñaflor and Ryan San Pedro, Enrique Medina and Desiree Paralejo, and Arman Quimson del Rosario and Georgia Schultze.

Wedding planners and coordinators who were there were Bangs Zalvidar of 1 Zalvidar Event; Celia Cunanan of The Social Connection; JP Montilla of Complete Work, Inc.; Liza Lugue of Kasalan Coordination Services; Sharon Parreno-Fabian of Themes and Motifs; Kutchie Zaldarriaga of Getting Married; Eugene Oda of Wedding Treasures; Paul Clemente of Angel's Wink Production; Ralyn Pigar of Vision and Ideas; Angel Ortiz of Bridal Network; Andrew Bonnevie of 1st Gen Spinsystems; Ana Tueres of Solutions Events; and Annette Gallos of All About Weddings.

Splendido Taal's partners for weddings were events stylists Karen and April Yu, Bernie Pasamba of Pasamba Music Consultancy, Adep Enterprises for bridal cars, Taal Vista Spa and Taal Vista Hotel.

She wants to pursue her true love

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR EMILY,

I'm 26 years old and I still don't know what to do with my life. I am so confused, I don't know where I fit.

I just want to live decently and be able to work on what I really love. How can I start my own business? My passion lies in arts, environment and reading. I love to draw fashion designs and do some oil and watercolor paintings.

I didn't take up fine arts in college because I couldn't afford it so I took up banking and finance instead. Unfortunately I wasn't able to finish my last semester.

As an undergraduate, I'm finding it hard to get a job. I want to venture into something close to my heart.

RUBY ROSE

It's good to have dreams and greater still if you can make them come true!

But, at 26, you cannot just think and dream. You have to get up, flex your muscles and earn a living.

Hold on to that dream though, and let it be your guide. If you are artistic, invest some money and enroll in sewing and fashion design. There's nothing like knowing your craft first hand.

Vent your creative urge into something tangible like actually producing samples of dresses you've designed. How else will you make yourself known?

Make that a sideline but have a day job for your bread and butter at the same time. You can do it. You can afford to multitask at your young age.

Lay your foundation on strong and solid ground. Learn the rules of your trade from the bottom up. That way, mistakes along the way won't hurt too much.

Remember there are no shortcuts to success. Ever heard the saying "experience is the best teacher?"

Think big but start small. Hey, you never know. There might be a Donna Karan hiding inside you!

E-mail the author at emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph, Subject: Lifestyle, or send your letters to INQUIRER. Listen to Ms Marcelo co-host the program "Kalikasan Vigilante," 7:15-8:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, on dwHR 104.3 FM

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Three men and their credit needs

ALBERT Martinez with daughter Alyanna

FOR AWARD-WINNING ACTOR ALBERT Martinez, sportscaster Anthony Suntay, and Alaska assistant basketball coach and television sports analyst Luigi Trillo, "responsibility" is a key word in making things work for their families and finances.

All three men make it a point to spend a lot of time with their brood when not working.

"I try to spend time with my kids playing sports like bowling and swimming as well as go to malls for movies or take them to out-of-town trips," says Suntay.

Martinez admits to being more of a homebody.

"I try to hang out at home with my wife and kids whenever I'm not working," he says. "I try to help them with their homework and, since they're all grown up, address their concerns as well. We also go out and have fun at the mall, dine out and watch movies."

Trillo, on the other hand, is someone who falls in between the two.

"On weekends, I enjoy bringing our daughter Rocio to the market to buy fresh seafood that we barbecue at home. We swim a lot, too, if the weather is okay, and we also go on out-of-town trips whenever we can."

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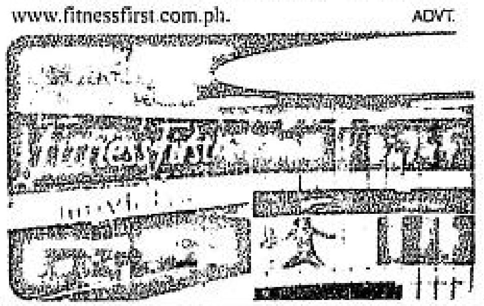

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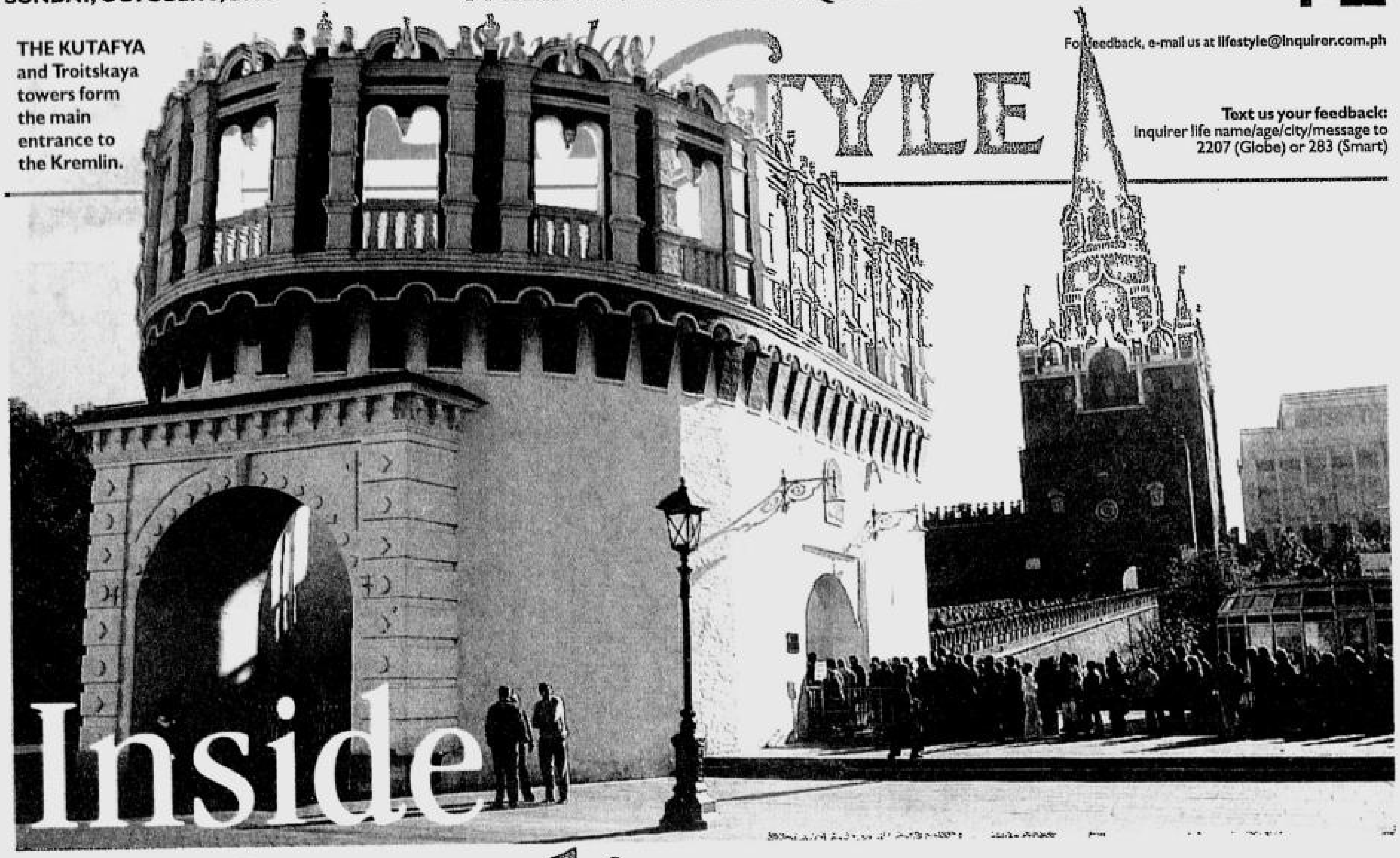

THE KUTAFYA and Troitskaya towers form the main entrance to the Kremlin.

Inside the Kremlin walls

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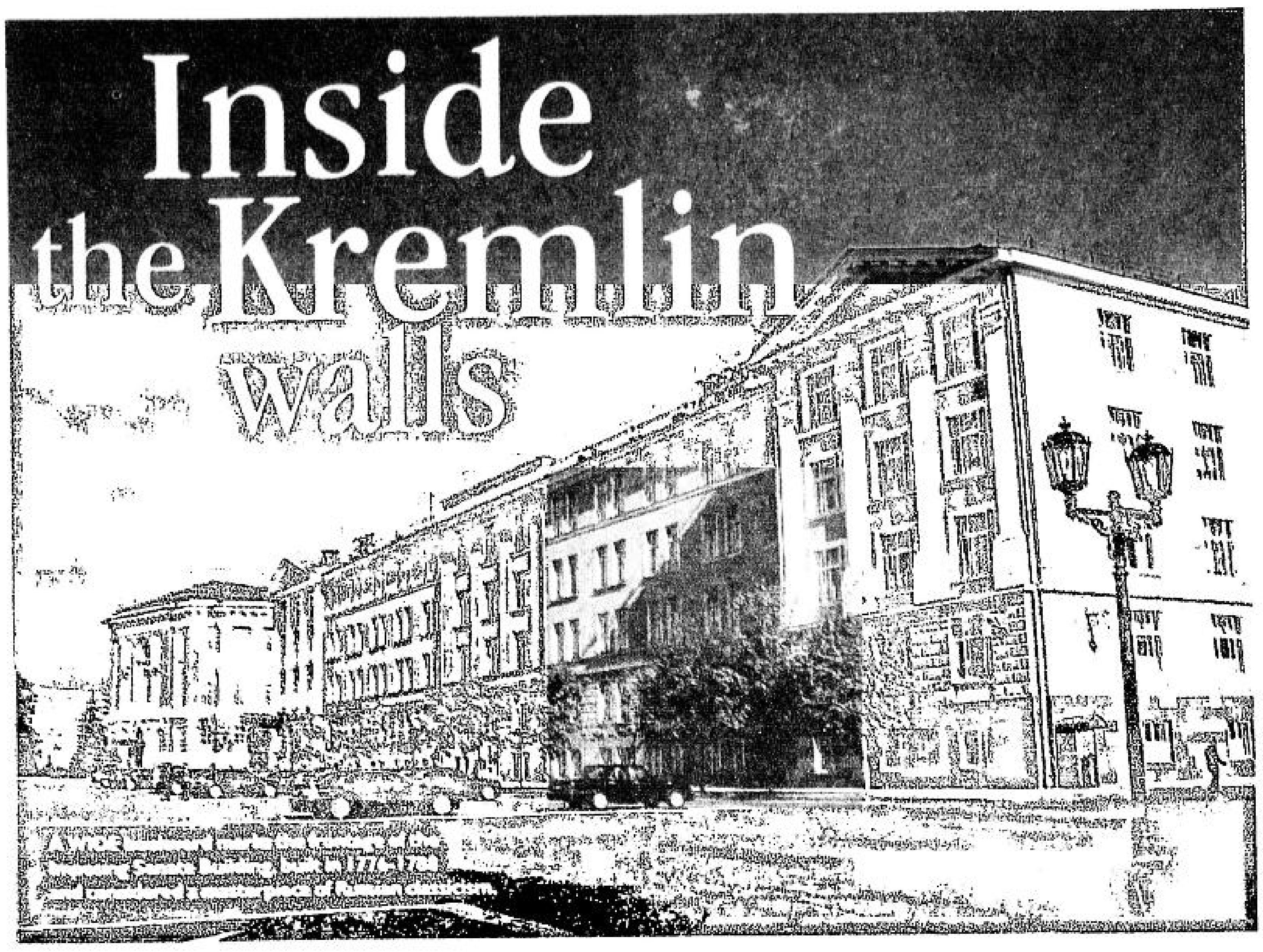

A BOY gazes in wonder at the incredible religious frescoes and icons that ad
interiors. Now a museum, the church hosts some of the finest examples of R
The Fiery Eye of the Saviour icon from the 1340s and Ivan the Terrible's roya
church at this time, so this photo was taken on the sly.

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the czars, boyars and assorted nobility of Russia, governed their respective realms side by side. This arrangement, the bedrock of the country's divine-right autocratic government for centuries, can still be glimpsed from the towering edifices that define the Kremlin skyline today.

Within the irregular triangle that gives shape to the Kremlin's impregnable walls are seven splendid cathedrals huddled in a concentrated space with six grand palaces. Around them are other imposing buildings and apartments, plus 20 sturdy towers, the oldest of which date back to the 15th century.

Within the irregular triangle that gives shape to the Kremlin's mighty walls are seven splendid cathedrals huddled in a tight space with six grand palaces, plus other imposing buildings and apartments

The main place of worship is the golden-domed Assumption Cathedral, also known by its old name the Dormition Cathedral. Built in 1475-1479 on the base of the original church commissioned by Ivan the Terrible, the Assumption Cathedral was the site of the country's most important state ceremonies, such as the ordination of ecclesiastics and the coronation of czars. Even after Peter the Great had transferred the capital to St. Petersburg, Russia's royals traveled to Moscow to have their investiture in this church.

The cathedral is a now museum of incomparable religious art from the 12th to the 17th centuries. Every inch of pillar, ceiling, wall and altar is decorated with frescoes and ancient icons, including the famous The Fiery Eye of the Saviour icon from the 1340s. This supreme example of Russian art occupies pride of place in the church's glittering iconostasis.

The Kremlin's guidelines on picture-taking inside the Assumption Cathedral are hazy. An earlier media group that had toured the place in March this year was allowed to take photos. Our group this month was not, forcing us to take pictures very surreptitiously. The richness and majesty of the church's treasures simply could not be entrusted to fickle memory.

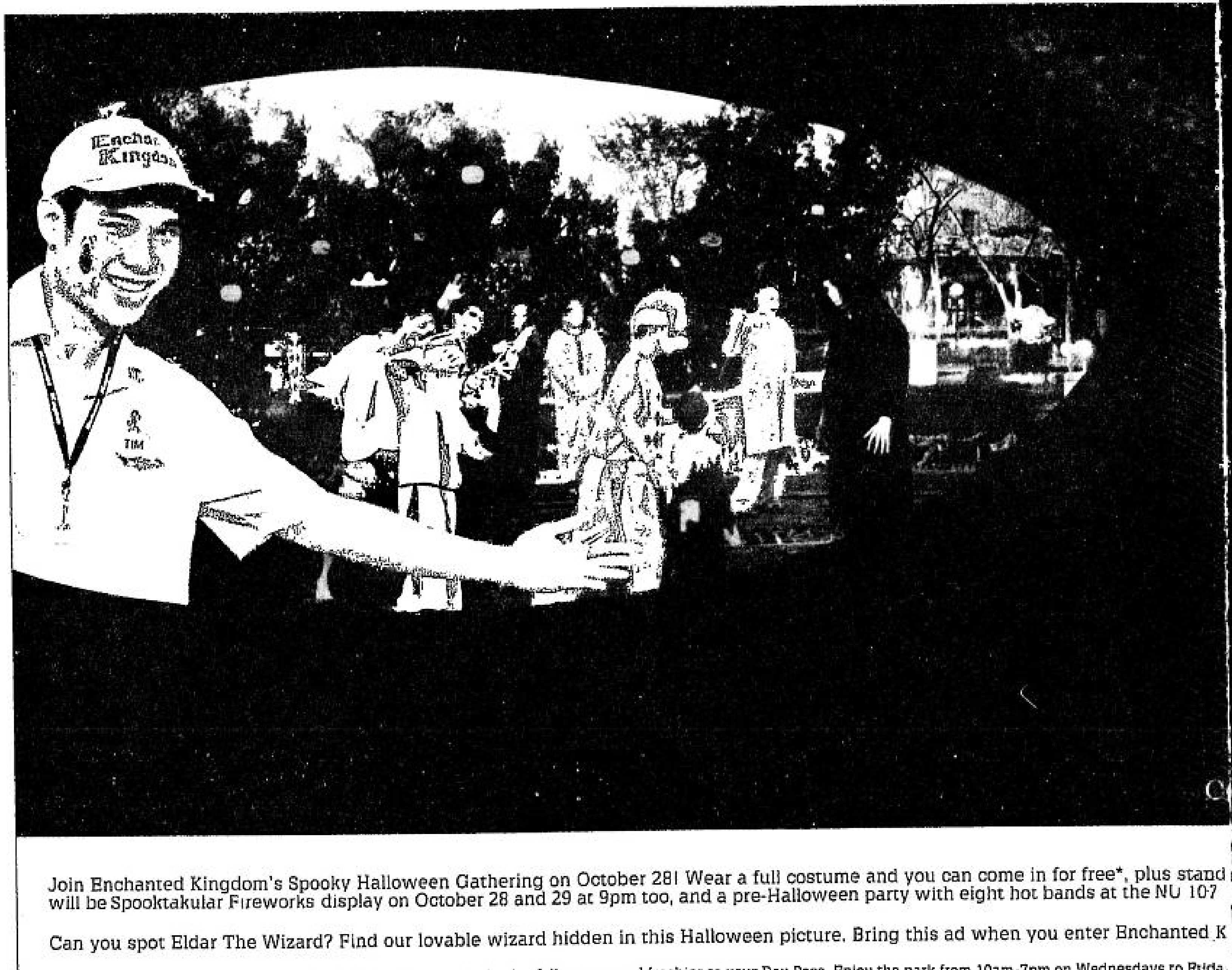
Burial place

Adjoining the Assumption Cathedral is the Cathedral of the Archangel Michael, erected in 1505-1508. As with other Kremlin structures, this five-domed edifice was the handiwork of a number of Italian architects invited to Russia by the czar, and decorated by the finest local artists and craftsmen of the day.

The Archangel Michael cathedral served as the lavish necropolis, or burial place, of grand princes and czars prior to Peter the Great. The brass sarcophagi of interred no-

THE 16TH-CENTURY Cathedral of the Archangel Michael, burial place of generations of Russian grand princes and czars before Peter the Great

CATHEDRAL of the Assumption (1475-1479), Russia's main place of worship and site of royal coronations and ecclesiastical investitures



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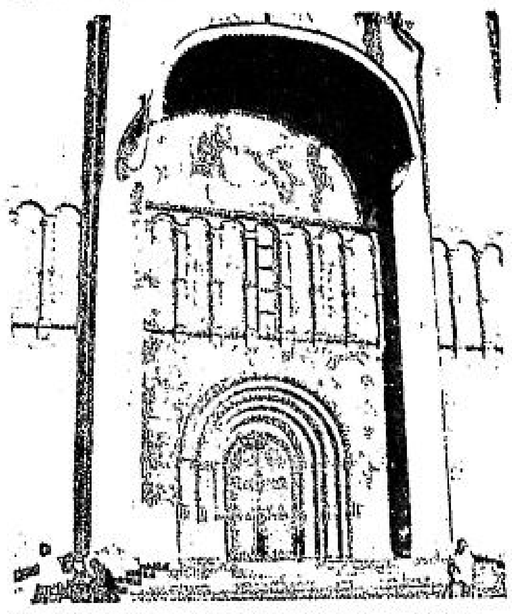
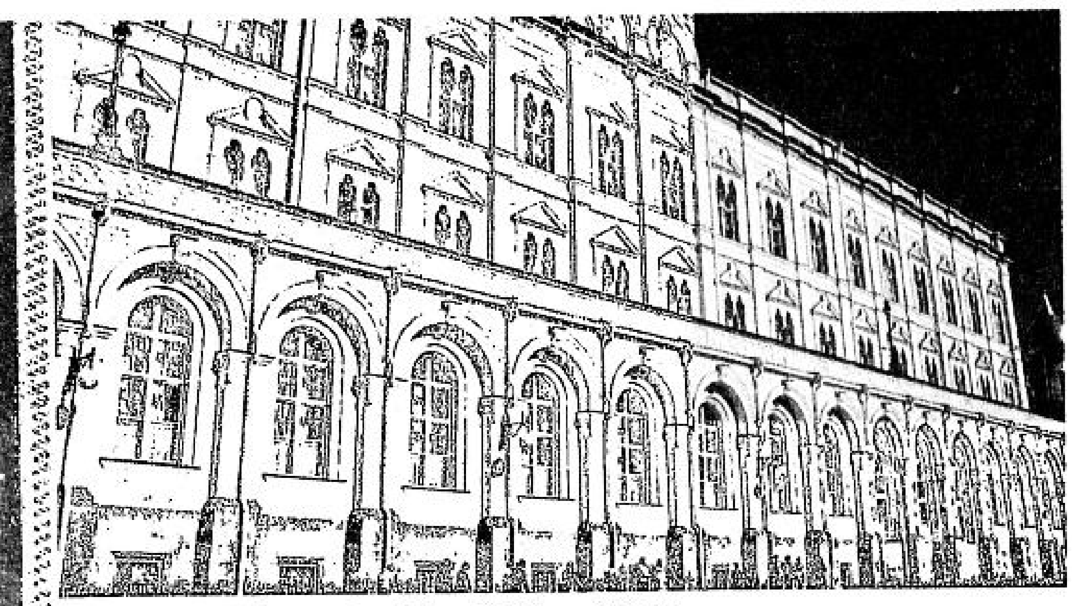
ELEVEN domes of the Upper Saviour Cathedral, 1679-81



THE SOUTHERN portal of the Assumption Cathedral, which was designed as a parade entrance and was thus lavishly decorated by the finest artists and craftsmen of the day



FAÇADE of the 700-room Grand Kremlin Palace, 1838-50

bility are arranged by two's inside, though the remains are kept in underground cellars.

The smaller Cathedral of the Annunciation, now undergoing upkeep and restoration, and the Church of the Deposition of the Robe, which has a more austere architectural style, are both closed to tourists at this time. These structures sit cheek by jowl with other bastions of Slavic faith such as the Cathedral of the Twelve Apostles, the Upper Cathedral of the Savior (which hosts 11 dazzling domes on its rooftop, representing the 11 foundational churches that have disappeared from the Kremlin since its beginnings), and the Church of St. Lazarus.

Lending a unifying element to these centers of worship is the mighty bell-tower named after St. John (Ivan) Climacus. Rising to 81 m, this whitewashed structure capped by a golden cupola was, until the mid-20th century, the tallest point in all of Moscow. At its base stands the 18th-century Czar Bell, a monumental piece of metal casting that weighs over 200 tons and is the world's largest bell. It has never been rung.

GARGANTUAN Tsar Cannon, made in 1586 by gunsmith Andrey Chokhov

Modern buildings

Not all of the buildings inside the Kremlin are ancient. The white-marbled State Kremlin Palace, which is the first edifice one would see upon entering the fortress via the Kutafya and Troitskaya (Trinity) towers, was built only in the 1950s. Fronting this streamlined modern building is the 1770s-era Senate Building, now the Presidential Palace. President Putin works in the Palace, but lives outside the Kremlin, in one of Moscow's tony new developments.

The accumulated wealth and material opulence of Russia's czars and patriarchs were first aggregated in the Armour Palace, the building of which dates to 1844-1851. However, a State Armoury already existed in the 14th and 15th centuries, when the royals began the task of collecting the valuable art objects that came under their reign.

Today, the Armoury has the distinction of being the oldest museum in Russia, as well as the most treasure-laden. Within its vast hallways are displayed centuries of royal regalia filled with gold, diamonds, and other precious stones. The incredible collection, spanning the 4th to the early 20th centuries of Russia's imperial history, includes such objects as Peter the Great's actual vestments and boots, Catherine the Great's coronation gown and carriage, Czarina Alexandra's wedding finery, 10 Faberge eggs (out of some 50 made that are now scattered worldwide), and thousands of pieces of decorative and applied art.

Separate fees

A tour of the Kremlin costs 450 rubles. That amount is separate from the entrance fees to the Armoury (400 rubles) and the Diamond Fund (350 rubles), which holds the bulk of the royal jewels.

You may opt to forego the last two museums and just focus on the churches. Otherwise, the total cost would set you back by 1,200 rubles (P2,400, at 1 ruble=P2).

Take our word for it: P2,400—and a few restrictions along the way—are a small price to pay for the unforgettable immersion in Russian history and culture that a day inside the Kremlin walls will give you.

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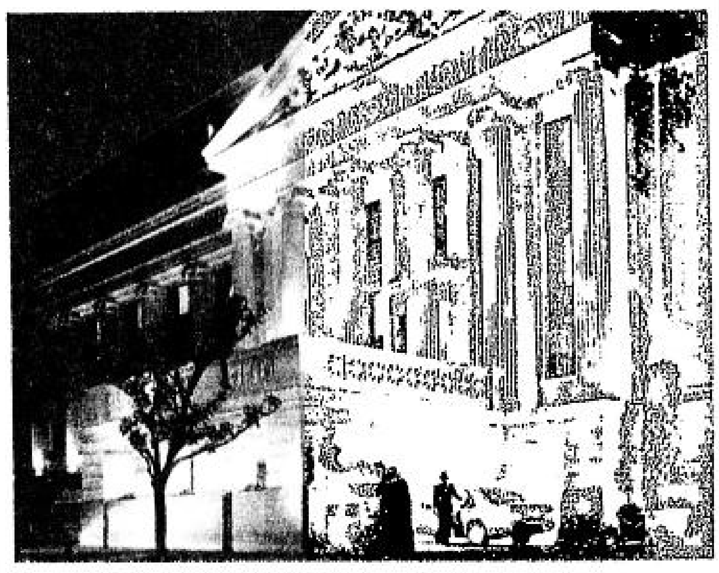

Hotel completes renovation

The Ritz-Carlton San Francisco has completed a US$12.5 million renovation of guest rooms and suites. Guest rooms are now painted pale yellow and taupe, while suites are in soft blue and gold. Furniture styles reflect San Francisco's multicultural influences. Artwork includes pieces by local artists depicting fresh approaches to famous landmarks, views and scenes.

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Masskara gets its own sound track

Bacolod City will hold the annual Masskara Festival Oct. 20-22.

For the first time in its 27 years, the festival will feature an original beat, an attempt by musician Gerry Grey to set a distinct sound that will identify the festival.

Street dancing in previous festivals usually featured popular beats. Grey said he wanted to give the event a distinctive beat that would be identified as the Masskara or Bacolod beat, just as the Ati-atihan has its own rhythm. The street dancing forms the heart of the Masskara Festival. Major Bacolod roads will be closed Oct. 20-22. The Majika Masskara (loosely translated as "magic in the festival") will open Oct. 13.

The festival is spearheaded by the Silver Masskara Festival Organization Inc., a group of artists and civic leaders. Heading the committee Bacolod City Mayor Bing Leonardia. Masskara Festival director since 2004 is Ely Francis Tanjanlangit.

Lakeside towns tour

Inscribe Tours is conducting on Oct. 21 a tour of Rizal, Laguna and Quezon lakeside towns. The tour starts in Angono, with breakfast at the Balaw-Balaw Art Gallery. Included the itinerary are visits to Neml Miranda's atelier, Blanco Museum, and the studio of Carlos "Totong" Francisco III, grandson of the late National Artist Botong Francisco. The tour ends in the shop of Ugu Bigyan in Tiaong, Quezon. The potte will conduct a demonstration. Call 5758370 and 8405912.

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New Bora resort

Discovery Shores Boracay will formally open in February. It will be the third property of the HSAI-Raintree's Discovery, in addition to projects in Ortigas in Metro Manila and Tagaytay. Discovery Shores is a sprawling beachfront property with 88 guest rooms and spa facility overlooking the beach. Guest rooms and facilities were designed by Budji Layug + Royal Pineda Architecture Planning and Interior Design. Call 6838222 or visit www.discoveryshoresboracay.com.

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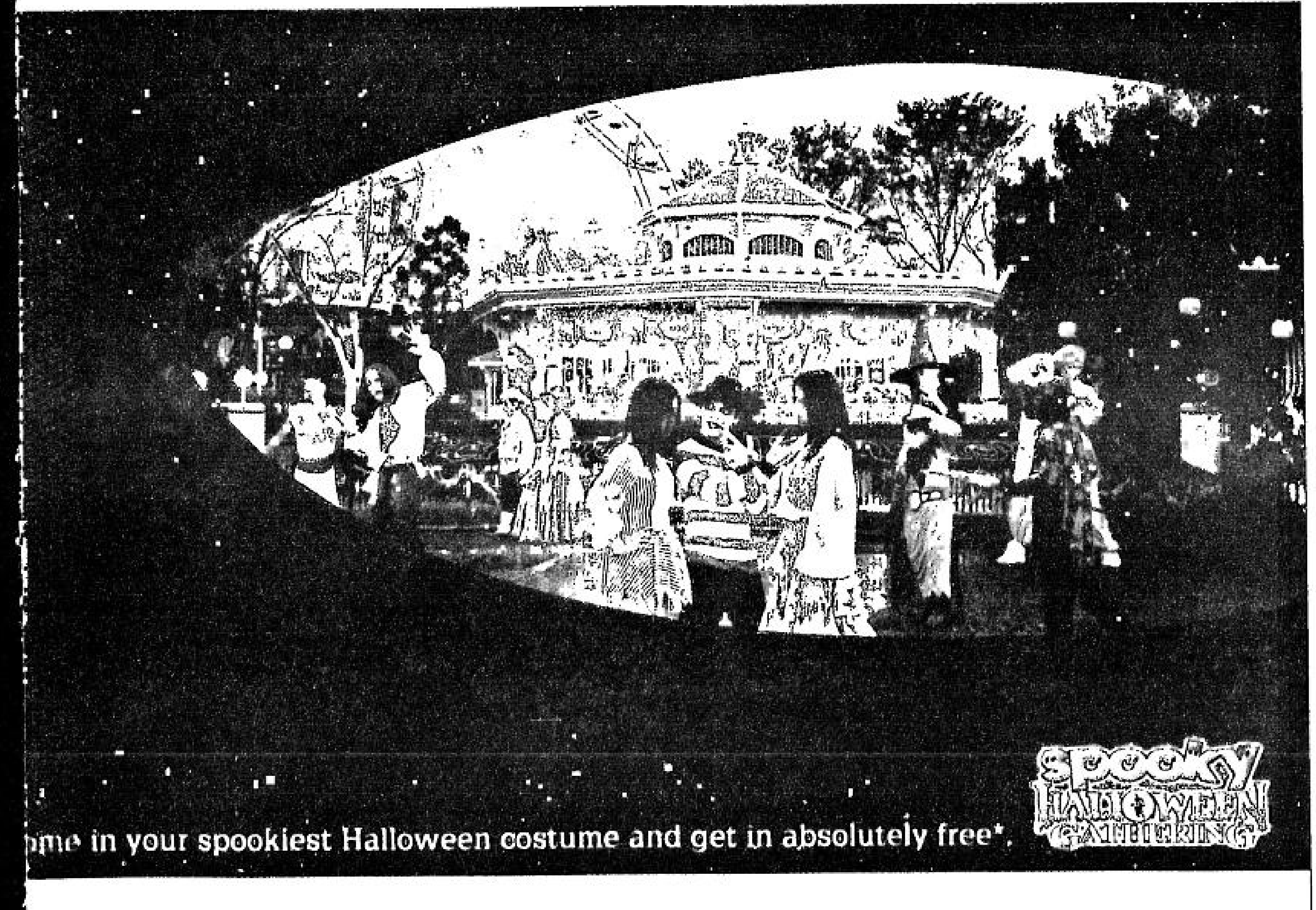

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PIANIST **RUDOLF PELAEZ GOLEZ** HAD A standing-room-only solo recital, "Mostly Mozart," at the auditorium of the Marcelo Fernan Cebu Press Center.

The recital marked Mozart's 250th birth anniversary.

Dingru, as Rudolf is known among family and friends, performed beautifully. His deft fingers traveled across the ivory keyboard of the Arts Council piano from memory all throughout.

The first part of the program featured music by Mozart. It started with Sonata in B Flat Major followed by "Variations on a Theme" by Salieri and Sonata in D Major.

Professor **Russell Brandon**, with characteristic British flair and wit, annotated the pieces.

The program continued after a brief intermission with "Stairway of the Devil," an etude by contemporary Hungarian composer **Gyorgy Ligeti** who passed away in June.

The audience sighed in romantic nostalgia when Dingru played Barcarolle in F Major by Chopin, and sat in rapt attention during the powerful finalé—Beethoven's Sonata in F Minor. Sustained applause and a standing ovation moved Dingru to give an encore: Chopin's "Harp Etude."

In the audience, seated in the middle section of the concert hall (where the sound is always better), was Dingru's mom, Dr. **Rafaelita "Oche" Pelaez Golez.** She is president of the Liceo de Cagayan University in Cagayan de Oro City. The recital was to raise funds for the school's music scholars.

"Also for the home for the aged at the Asilo de la Medalla Milagrosa in Cebu," she said. The orphanage and old people's facility is run by the Daughters of Charity who, in Cebu, also run doctor Golez's alma mater, the 125-yea -old Colegio de la Inmaculada Concepcion.

After the recital, there was an intimate dinner at the Golez home where Dingru was showered with more congratulations. Helping Oche were younger son Alain Graziella.

Among the cousins were Dr. **Oscar Tan** and his lovely wife, the former **Cynthia Ugalde**, and their daughter **Camille**.

Dingru gave another solo piano recital Wednesday at the Cultural Center of the Philippines in Manila. He performed some of the pieces he did in Cebu and a few others he carefully chose.

PIANIST Rudolf Golez and his mom, Dr. Rafaelita Pelaez Golez

Full box

Billy and **Marlene Mondoñedo** added two new dimensions to their Tinder Box, a most popular deli shop, wine cellar and watering hole on Banilad Road. Aziza is an elegant dining restaurant named after their pretty daughter. The other is an upstairs champagne lounge divinely done by **Kenneth Cobonpue.** You get the feeling of being bubbled up in a tulip goblet.

To celebrate the opening, Billy and Marlene, together with **Aziza** and **Elizabeth List,** her classmate in a school in Switzerland, received close friends and media people at a very elegant dinner.

Everyone admired the glass-topped tables, chandeliers dripping with jet-black beads, and a chiaroscuro rendition of Rubens' famous work, "The Judgment of Paris."

Billy and Marlene were beside themselves with joy, not just because of the opening, but also because Aziza was able to take time off and be with them in Cebu. Dinner was impeccably served. Every item was on the daily a la carte menu. The best wines from their wine cellar were poured that evening.

I had the luck to be seated with three of Cebu's most dynamic women.

Teresen Mendezona does wonders in the field of decorative arts, aside from being a most wonderful person.

Mary Anne Aboitiz Arculli is her mother's (**Annie Osmeña Aboitiz**) daughter in the field of real estate. She told us about Mahogany Place, a new development in Maria Luisa Estate Park, the Forbes Park of Cebu, where she and husband **Derek** were constructing beautifully designed mansion-type homes. The homes are a steal, with prices starting at P16 million.

And there was **Petite Garcia**, president of the Arts Council. The big thing for Cebu this year is the full-length ballet "Peter Pan," produced by **Nicholas Pacaña** and **Greg Aaron**, who have taken the reins of the Ballet Center from Fe Sala Villarica.

Performance dates are Nov. 17 and 18 at Onstage in Ayala Center Cebu. Overall chair is **Vivina Chiu Yrastorza.** The power committee includes **Elena Young, Marylou Neri, Alice Plaza** and **Dominique Riegel.** Two copresenters are Tempra Mango and Vandol ointment.

Many have signed up as major sponsors. May their tribe increase.

More events are on the Arts Council calendar, culminating with National Arts Month in February. Also scheduled is a performance in March by the 40-member cast of St. John's School in Guam. It's a musical revue titled "Smokey Joe's Café," directed by **Allan Nazareno**, who may be Guam-based but has strong Cebuano roots.

BILLY Mondoñedo with daughter Aziza and wife Marlene (nee Navarro)

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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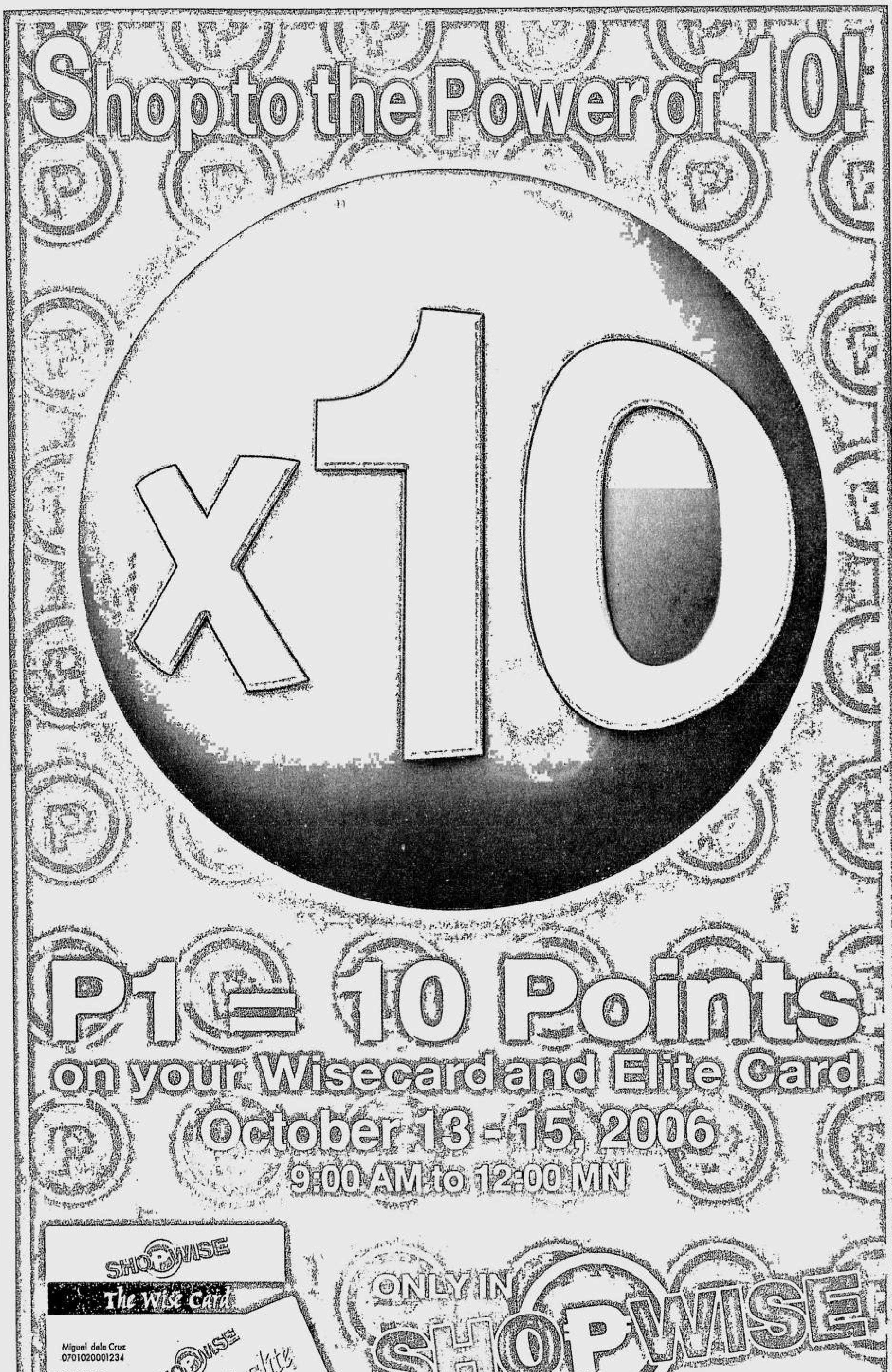

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BRAD Pitt stars in "Babel," four interrelated stories.

Papa Pitt high on flying, Shiloh and Angelina, Part 2

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Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—WE continue our column (part one appeared last Friday) on **Brad Pitt** who granted his first interview with us since the media frenzy over his relationship with **Angelina Jolie** began.

As he settled into a chair in a meeting room at the Universal Hilton, Brad said, "It's been a long time. It's nice to see you all. I've got three kids (now)." He joked, "You guys do anything?"

Then he proceeded to give a remarkably candid interview, with not a single "no comment" reply. As we wrote in the previous column, the only time he hesitated was when he was lobbed the question, "What are you good at?" "I really don't know how to answer that," he answered. He was being modest, of course.

He's getting very good at acting, as he shows in his latest outing, **Alejandro González Iñárritu's** "Babel," a magnificently realized film that manages to make all four interrelated stories in Morocco, Tunisia, Japan and Mexico equally riveting.

The famous ex of **Jennifer Aniston** is also getting very proficient in co-producing films that are being buzzed about as contenders in the coming awards season: "The Departed," which has critics raving and beating each other for the most number of superlatives they can heap on **Martin Scorsese's** finest film in many years; and "Running With Scissors," the adaptation of Augusten Burroughs' bestselling memoir with **Annette Bening** reportedly excellent as a would-be poet and mother.

At the press con, there was a touching earnestness and sincerity in Brad's face as he answered a question about why he and "Angie" decided to have their baby, **Shiloh Nouvel**, born in Africa.

With your interest in architecture, do you explain to your kids how to build strong structures when you play Lego with them?

I try to steer them to that direction. I hope we get a little engineer in there somewhere. I heard this great story of a father whose son drew this crazy structure. The

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"STEP UP" IS AN INTERESTING FILM because it tries to combine the world of classical dance with hip-hop moves.

To do this, it tells the story of a young hooligan (Channing Tatum) who is forced to perform community service chores at a school for the arts, where he meets star dance student (Jenna Dewan).

It turns out that Dewan's character is a standout classical dancer, while Tatum is great at hip-hop. Can these two utterly disparate dance forms be fused to triumphant, artistic effect?

Can the two young protagonist-antagonists rise above their class differences and love one another? This determinedly upbeat movie says yes on both counts.

Unfortunately, both happy conclusions are arrived at much too easily and predictably to be sufficiently credible and involving. So, viewers can more productively concentrate on the film's dance scenes for less facile and stultifying viewing experience.

In this regard, the production scores plus points for having cast exceptional young dancers Tatum and Dewan as its male and female leads.

Dewan's fine dancing is clearly the product of years of rigorous training, while Tatum's dervish hip-hop moves affirm his natural affinity for the gutsy grooves of his character's social class and generation.

It would have been much better, however, if the film's storytelling could have been as involving, vivid and creative as its dance aspect.

Video competition

From the Southeast Asian Foundation for Children and Television, the presenters of Anak TV (the seal of family-friendly television), comes its latest initiative to promote child-sensitive programs: Batang Broadkaster, a competition for videos by children, for children, and about children.

Videos written, directed and shot by Filipinos under 18 years old may be entered until Nov. 17. They may use any video equipment, including multi-media cellphones.

The contest encourages youths to communicate at their own level, and to deal with material that directly affects them, using their aptitude in mass-media communication.

Entrants may submit their original three to 20-minute video materials, with themes either serious (the environment, poverty) or playful (pets, hobbies, friends). Entries can be submitted by individuals or groups.

Videos will be screened by a panel of child and adult judges. Entries that are shortlisted will enjoy broadcast exposure on local, cable and national television. Valuable prizes are at stake, and selected entries will represent the Philippines at international video derbies.

Detailed guidelines and entry forms may be downloaded from the SEAFCTV web site anaktvweb.com. Interested schools and parents may email anaktv_seal@yahoo.com.

Batang Brodkaster will highlight the foundation's activities for 2006, culminating in the Anak TV awards, held in December in celebration of the International Children's Day of Broadcasting and Responsible Media Week, as declared by Malacañang.

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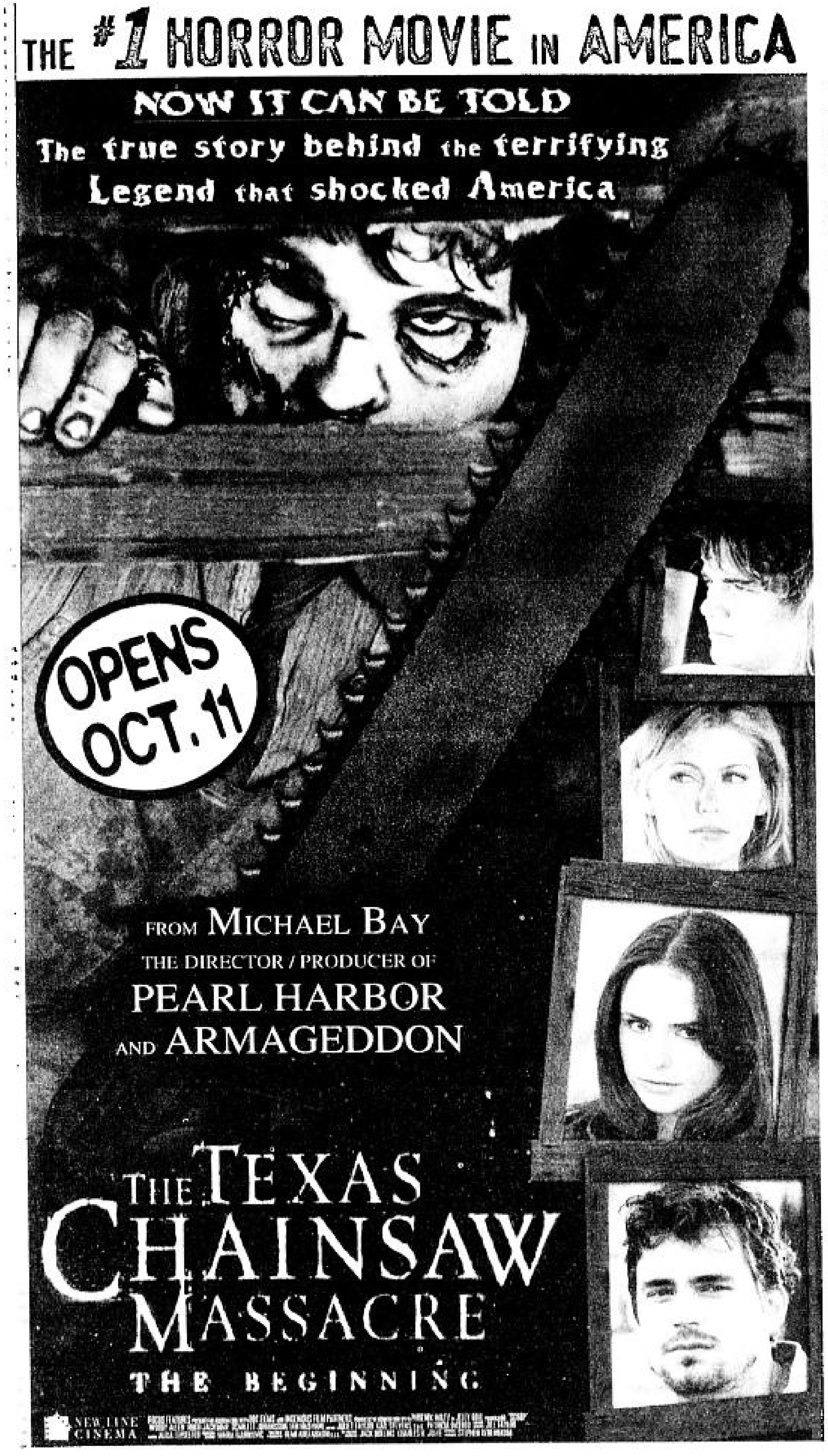
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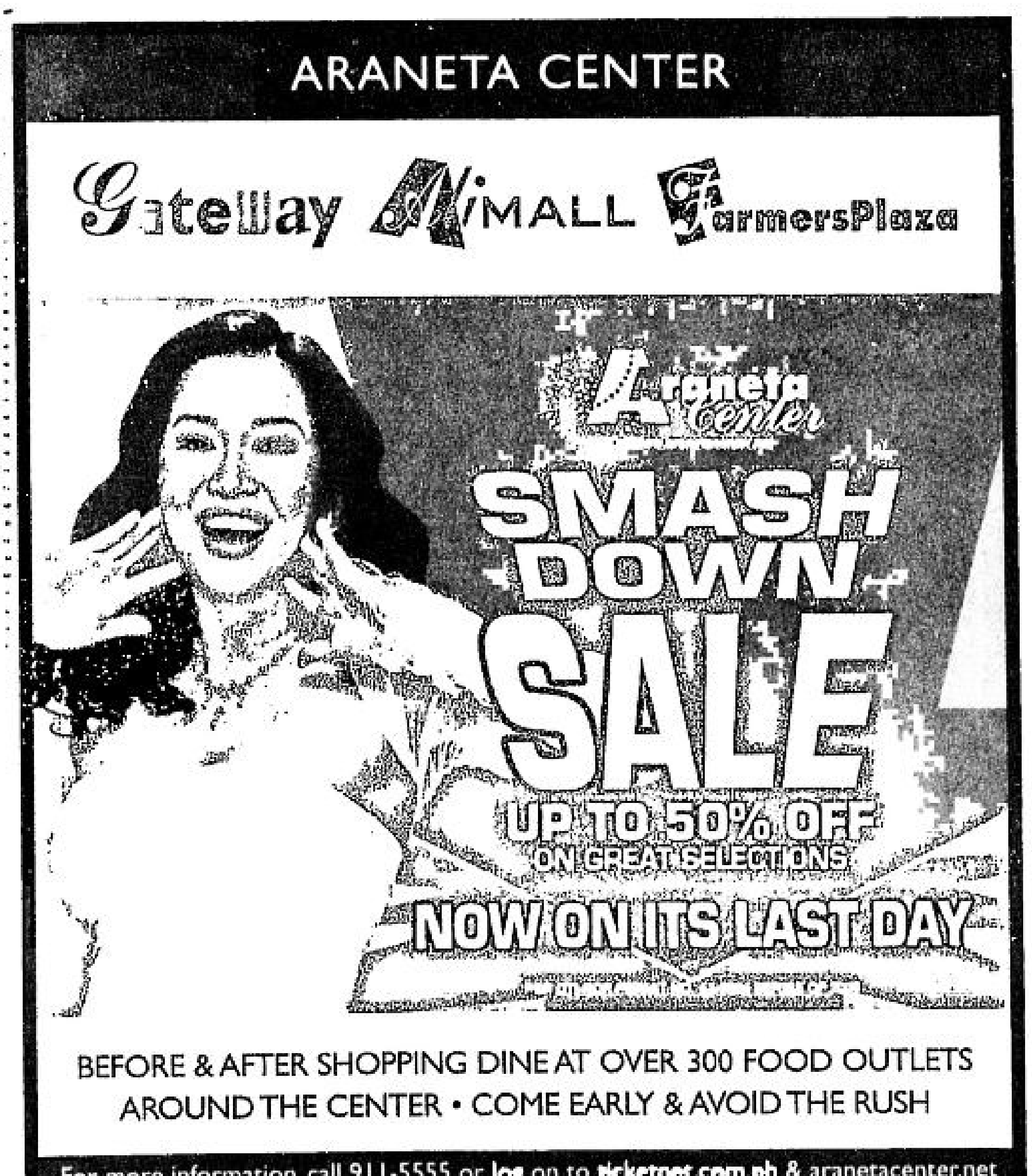
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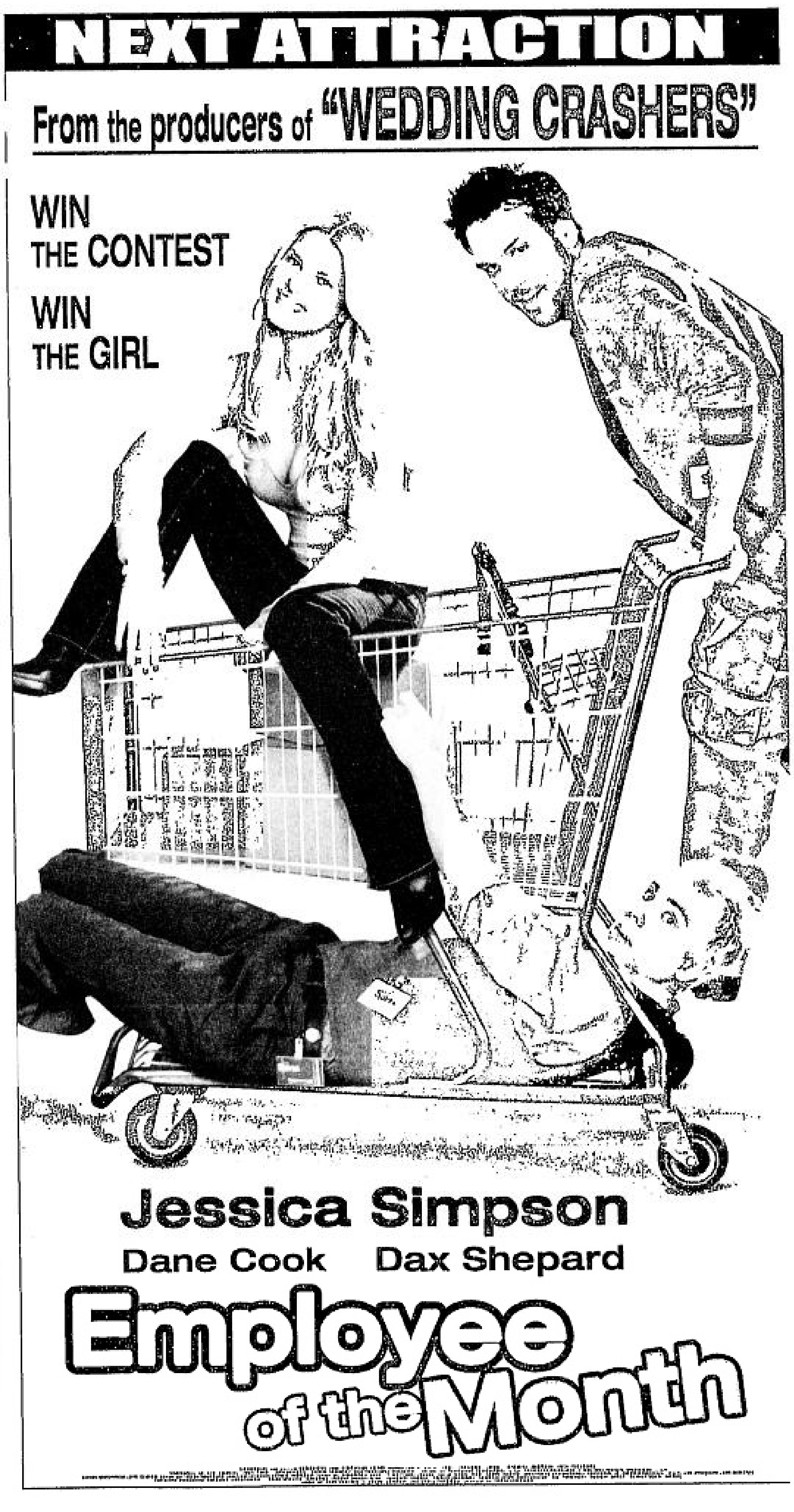
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It also underscores the reality that most TV programs are designed for adults, even if there is a predominance of viewers under 18.

The idea is also to veer away from the commercial nature of television, excessive pandering to show biz and entertainment, and the unhealthy exposure of Filipino children to wrong values or inappropriate examples (like too many singing, acting and dancing contests, luring children into entertainment careers).

'Kick Fighters'

At 6 p.m. on Oct. 10, National Geographic Channel airs the repeat telecast of "Kick Fighters," on the K1 World Max Championship.

These men vie for the title of global master of K1, a style that fuses Western boxing and Eastern martial arts.

The three top contenders are Wayne Parr, Masato and Buakow.

Three-in-one concert

Three concerts for the price of one are in store for music lovers at 8 p.m. on Oct. 13 at Music Museum.

"Rhythm and Blues" will feature **True Faith, Aiza Seguerra, Geneva Cruz** and **Jay-R**, with direction by **Gus Aldeguer**. Call 525-4384. Producers are **Gina de la Rama** and **Cynthia Ibay-Esguerra**.

Still Freestyle

Freestyle has come out with a new single, "Still," a revival of one of the biggest mellow hits of the 1970s. "Still" was originally recorded by **The Commodores**. It's perfect for a band like Freestyle, which built quite a following with its stirring renditions of ballads like "So Slow," "This Time" and "Before I Let You Go."

Feeback

From Baby S.: "Here's my rejoiner to your reader's criticism of Boob-tube Booboos: 1. Yes, it is possible that you had misheard due to mispronunciation. 2. Yes, you have a high standard, so your reactions to faulty, silly and nonsensical dialogue on TV to me is just natural.

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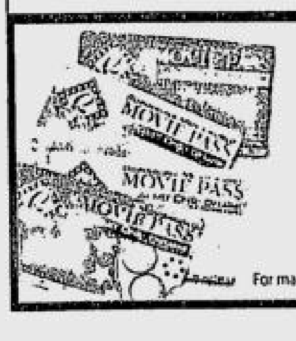

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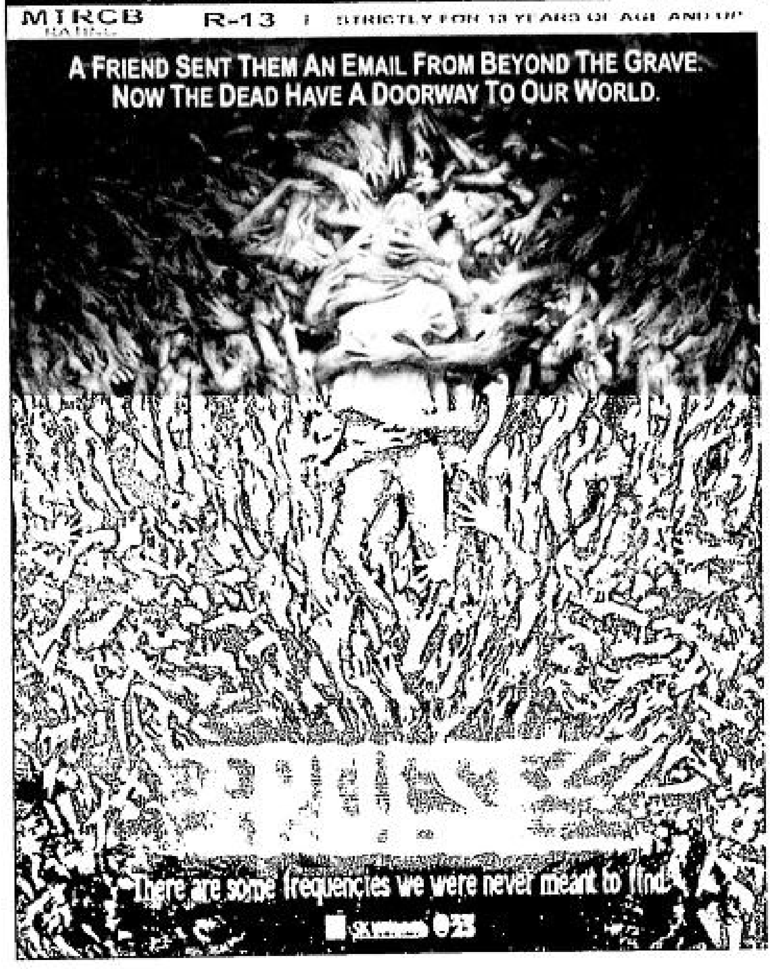
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Boob-tube brawl

TAKE FIVE

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

A self-confessed newbie to the world of mixed martial arts offers gritty fighting to late-night viewers

CONCERT, COMMERCIAL and music-video director GB Sampedro is cooking up a new reality program—"Real Pinoy Fighter"—which airs on ABS-CBN Mondays, starting Oct. 9, after the late-night newscast "Bandila."

The 30-year-old director admitted to INQUIRER Entertainment that he had undergone a crash course on mixed martial arts, in preparation for his new job.

"I watched past episodes of 'The Contender' and 'Ultimate Fighting Championships,' which have the same concept as our show," he said. "I have no background in this sport. I learn a lot in our tapings. It's very challenging."

Mixed martial arts, he explained, is "a combative sport that combines different disciplines: Brazilian jiu-jitsu, wrestling, boxing, kickboxing, muay Thai, freestyle fighting and others that involve both striking and grappling."

To balance things, he chose as hosts, the brother-and-sister team of Alvin and Drinie Aguilar—both considered experts in the field.

Alvin is acknowledged as the founder of Universal Reality Combat Championship (URCC) in the Philippines; while Drinie, who is also the local host of "The Contender" on AXN, trains in the Brazilian martial art of capoeira.

In a way, GB got plenty of training for "Fighter" in the music biz.

His last big TV projects were as alternate director of "Daisy Siyete" on GMA 7 and director of "Global Battle of the Bands" on RPN 9.

The toughest test came when he directed "The Other Side," Sarah Geronimo's Aliw-winning debut concert at the Araneta Coliseum, which was plagued with a power outage.

"There was no air-conditioning. The concert was almost over, when power was restored," he recounted.

That taught him grace under pressure—a virtue he would undoubtedly need as director of a weekly boob-tube brawl.

GB Sam... "Fighting ... just ... about violence"

What's the show's concept?

There are 14 fighters, chosen from 50 who auditioned. Each week, one contestant will be eliminated. The ultimate champion at the end of the 13-week season will compete in the next URCC.

Share some of your memorable experiences while taping the show.

At first, I wasn't used to the kind of training they have to undergo. I couldn't imagine how anyone could endure that much hardship. It involved very physical exercises. Different kinds of drills, like carrying another person on your back, on top of the usual wrestling and boxing training.

How often do they train?

Per episode, we feature one training session. But they train as often as they can, individually.

How do you make sure that the show isn't too violent?

Actually, there are rules in mixed martial arts. There are lots of do's and don'ts. There are referees and judges in every fight. It's similar to boxing in that way. I admit that it can be a little violent compared to other fights, but it's still a safe sport.

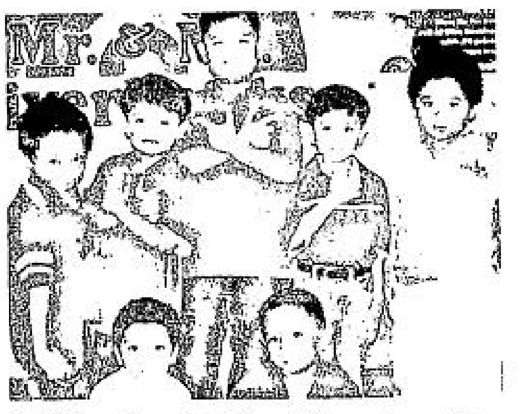
What are those rules?

No eye gouging. No hitting below the belt. There are lots of rules and we remind the viewers of these regulations at the start of each bout so they wouldn't think that "anything goes" in these fights.

What did you discover in yourself while doing this show?

I learned about the art of fighting. From my interviews with the fighters, my casual talks with them, I learned a lot about their lives. Fighting is not just about violence. There are reasons why each one of these fighters joined this competition. These realizations I can apply to life in general. We all have our reasons ... why we fight for certain things in life.

KID FIT



Little Mr. & Ms. Riverbanks

The grand finals for the Search for Little Mr. & Ms. Riverbanks Center goes on stage at the center's foodcourt entertainment venue on Oct. 14 at 4 p.m.

In photo are grand finalists (back row, from left) Kurt Magallanes, Marc Baccay, Francis Ron Chavez, Marvin Bugnos, Jason Toledo, (front row) Mikkel Cruz and Lee Ivan Calibo.

Winners will receive P10,000 in cash prizes and gift packages from Riverbanks Mall, Riseup Productions, Voice Academy of the Philippines, Jus4Kids, Save More Supermarket, Digiprint, Filstar Distributor Marketing, World of Fun, Characters Unlimited, Candy Mix and HBC Riverbanks.

Nick invades campuses

Nickelodeon invades schools in Metro Manila and Baguio from October to December.

"Nick Takes Over Your School!" is a nationwide program dedicated to promoting fun, sportsmanship, team spirit and fitness among grade school students.

Nickelodeon will be in schools such as San Beda College-Alabang, Claret School of Quezon City, Our Lady of Grace Montessori School and Colleges, UNO High School, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Montessori and St. Louis University in Baguio City.

Students can look forward to hilarious and interesting games such as Dip it Deep where kids have to find all the right puzzle pieces by dunking in a slime-filled pool.

Fans will have the opportunity to meet and greet their favorite Nicktoon character—live!

3RD WEEK
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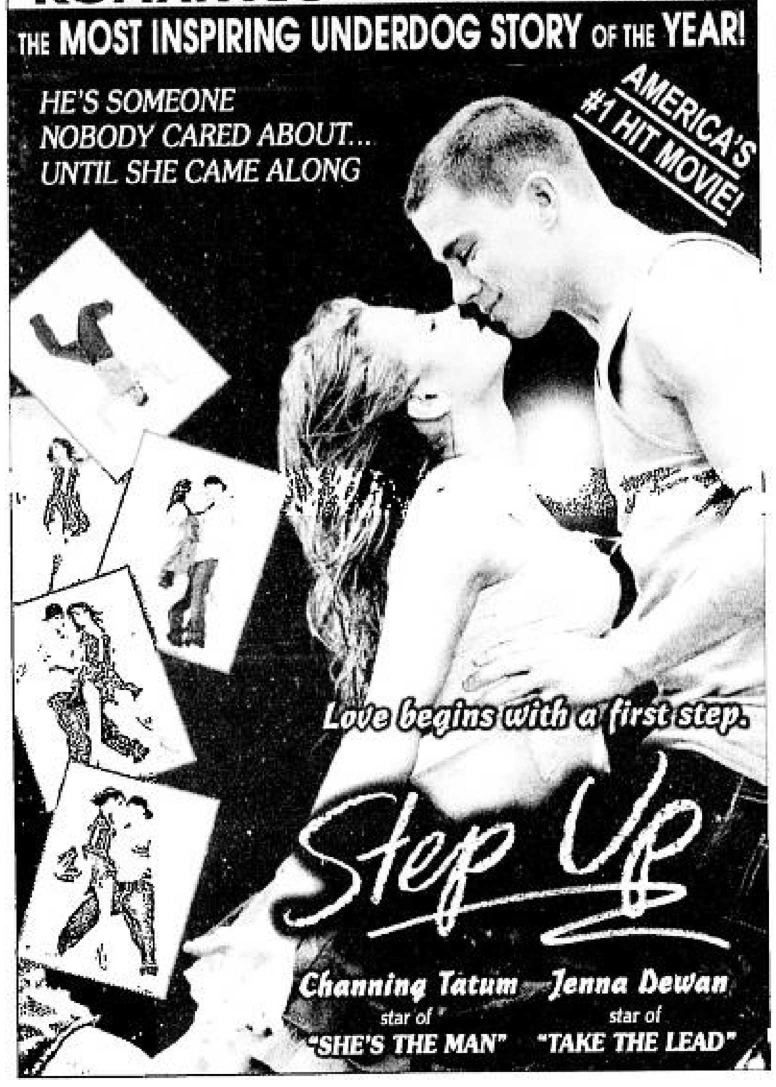
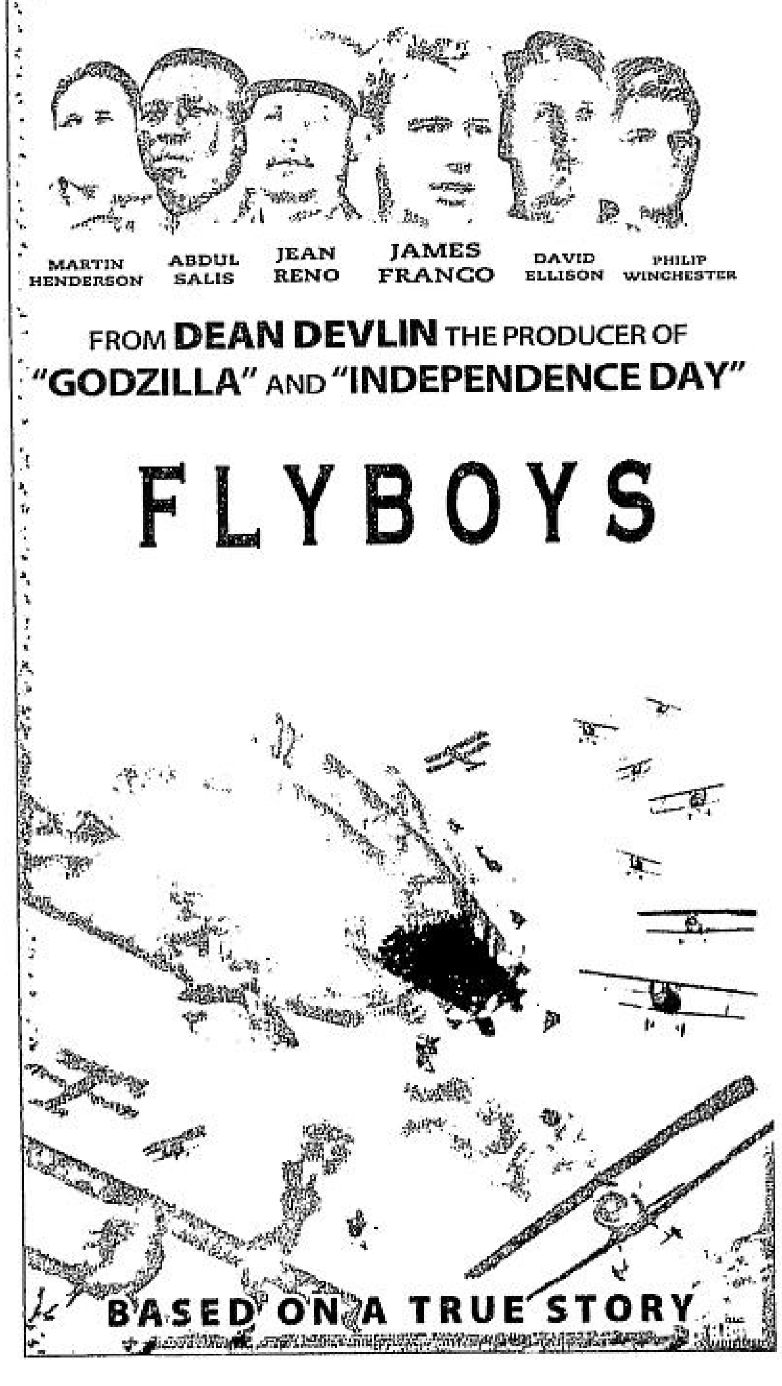
THE MOST INSPIRING UNDERDOG STORY OF THE YEAR!


HE'S SOMEONE NOBODY CARED ABOUT... UNTIL SHE CAME ALONG
AMERICA'S #1 HIT MOVIE!
Love begins with a first step.
Step Up
Channing Tatum star of "SHE'S THE MAN"
Jenna Dewan star of "TAKE THE LEAD"

2ND WEEK
MTRCB RATING ▶ PG-13 | Children below 13 yrs. old will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent or adult
ALAMIN KUNG BAKIT PINAG-USAPAN NG BUONG MANILA.
HUWAG PALAMPASIN!



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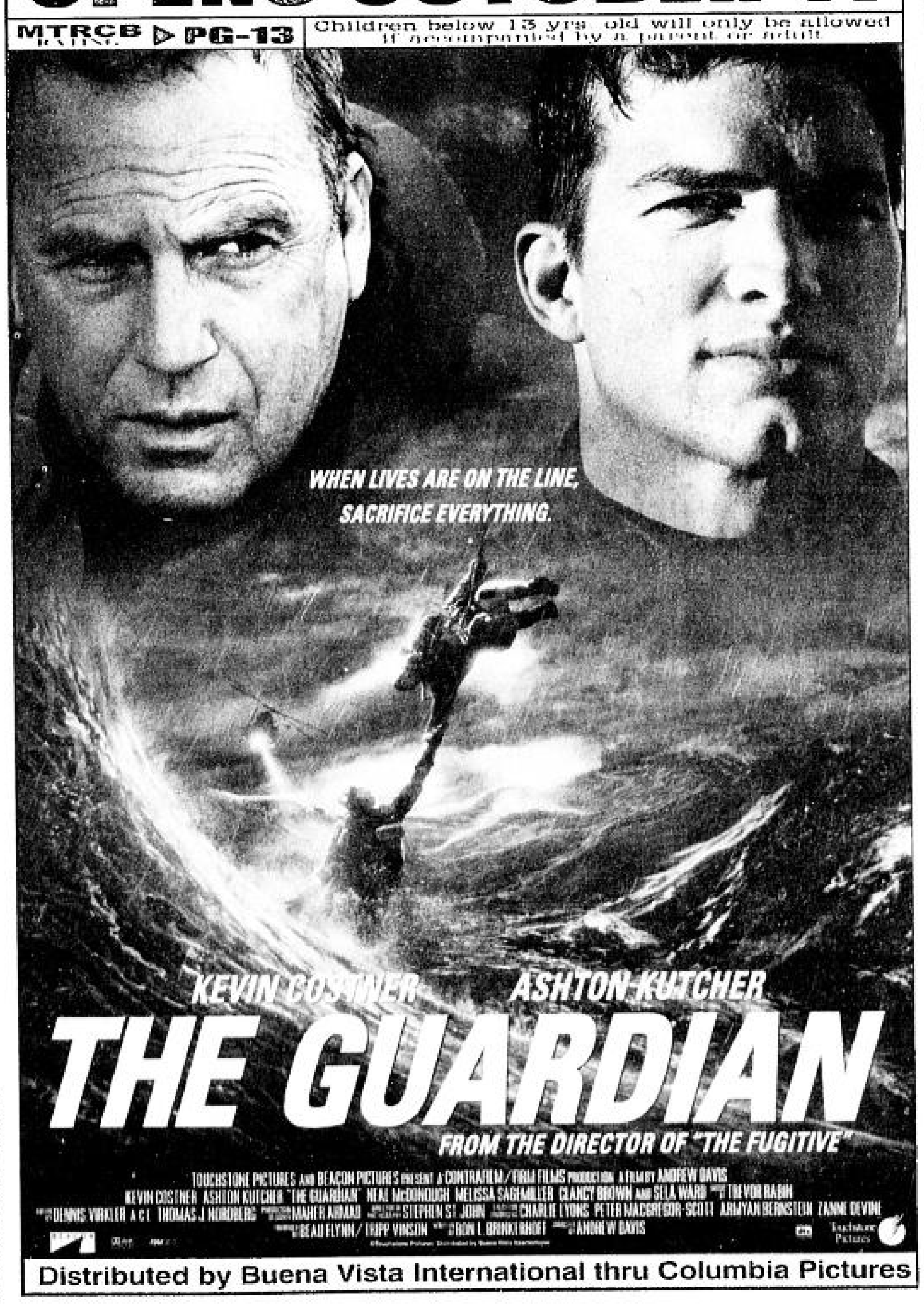
WHEN LIVES ARE ON THE LINE, SACRIFICE EVERYTHING.
KEVIN COSTNER
ASHTON KUTCHER
THE GUARDIAN
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF "THE FUGITIVE"

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Papa Pitt high on flying, Shiloh…

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son said it was a tree house so the dad made a tree house that looks exactly like the drawing. I thought that was a really nice story. I hope to be able to do that, too, someday.

Angelina said that motherhood has not stopped her from taking causes that are even wilder—those that urge her to take more risks. Do you share that sort of wildness with her?

Yes, unconventional, I would say. Your own personal experience and growth don't have to stop at being a parent. It can be enhanced in some way, and your experience becomes fuller.

How has your celebrity status affected your humanitarian causes?

Of course, it helps because there's an automatic spotlight on us. In fact, it's hard to get out of that spotlight. It occurred to me a couple of years ago and I said it then: Since I couldn't get out of the spotlight and there were so many people who are in need, maybe if I can be a conduit and deflect from myself.

So it's been a great help and it opened many doors. We have access to meeting a lot of great minds who can give us a very informed education on a subject. It's important that if you take on something, you stick with it because Hollywood is known for being flighty. Hollywood has a reputation of being self-serving sometimes. So it better be something that you believe in enough to stick with it.

Certainly, there have been (unfortunate) stories in the past because of this perceived idea, which is truly not the case. But a couple of bad examples can color the whole thing. You can do more harm to the cause. You can actually cause people to turn away and do exactly the opposite of what you set out to do.

What irritates you the most in this world, outside your personal sphere?

That list is long (laughter). Our country was founded on freedom. Anything that becomes a hindrance to that freedom I find shocking and shortsighted. The thing that irritates me the most is not being able to just live my life and let others live their lives as they wish instead of being threatened in some ways. I'll give you two to keep it short. Second is our shortsighted foreign policy. This film speaks about that in the sense of getting back to this idea that we're all the same. I am not hugging a tree and holding up a white flag but I am for true understanding and the willingness to understand others' positions.

Can you talk about the media circus at the height of "Mr. and Mrs. Smith"?

If there was a real conversation about what was going on, instead of this push to sensationalize and make money off that, I would have made myself available. But at that point, it was a no-win situation. I knew there would be a time when things would calm down and I could speak more freely and it wouldn't be abused.

That (the media circus) was not about real journalism. To me, journalism is an unbiased telling of the facts. It's not about speculation and sensationalism. I rail against the invention of "news." It says something about our culture.

How has the last two years been for you?

Since I became a father and turned 40, the direction that I'd personally like to take has become clearer. Before, in my younger days, I was more of a drifter. I'd try many things on. I'd try anything. Now there's real pride in understanding myself, what's important to me, my own values and acting on those values.

This film probably parallels your passion for cross-culturalism, especially with the international breadth of the cast.

What's extraordinary is the level of acting. We have people here who will headline a movie and we have adults and kids here who have never acted before in their lives, yet you cannot distinguish the difference. It's extraordinary on Alejandro's part to cast these people without any acting experience and to get that depth. The Moroccan kids and the one who played their father were extraordinary. In the scene where **Cate's (Blanchett)** getting sewn up, that was actually the local veterinarian (laughter) doing it. He brought this realism. Yet the performances are all equal and there's no story that stands out above any other.

Can you comment on how adoption from different cultures can help heal the world?

A few years ago, I said this and got into trouble. I just wish everyone would screw everyone so then we'd only have one color. Or we'd have so many colors that we couldn't keep track and then it really wouldn't matter (laughter). But that's an obnoxious way of saying it. On the adoption front, we're talking about the difference between a kid having a future and death. That was probably the case with our daughter **(Zahara)** and probably the same case with **Maddox** as well. That supersedes any other argument. I would like to see more of it instead of this idea of separatism which I rail against.

Africa has a special significance for you now. What are your impressions when you first landed in that continent?

It's so vast and so different. There are places that are extraordinarily, beautifully haunting. The first thing I was struck by was the lack of opportunity for the people. Remember (the late comedian) **Sam Kinison's** joke in the 1980s, which I thought was funny at the time but was really destructive? He said, 'You live in a f—g desert. Move, move.' We truly do not understand how fortunate we are with where we were born on the longitude, latitude scale and what a difference that can mean in the course our life can take. It can mean the difference in having the opportunity to become an actor, doctor or a writer or struggling every day for food to feed yourself and your children. God forbid when they get sick. What would you do?

BRAD Pitt with the columnist in Hollywood

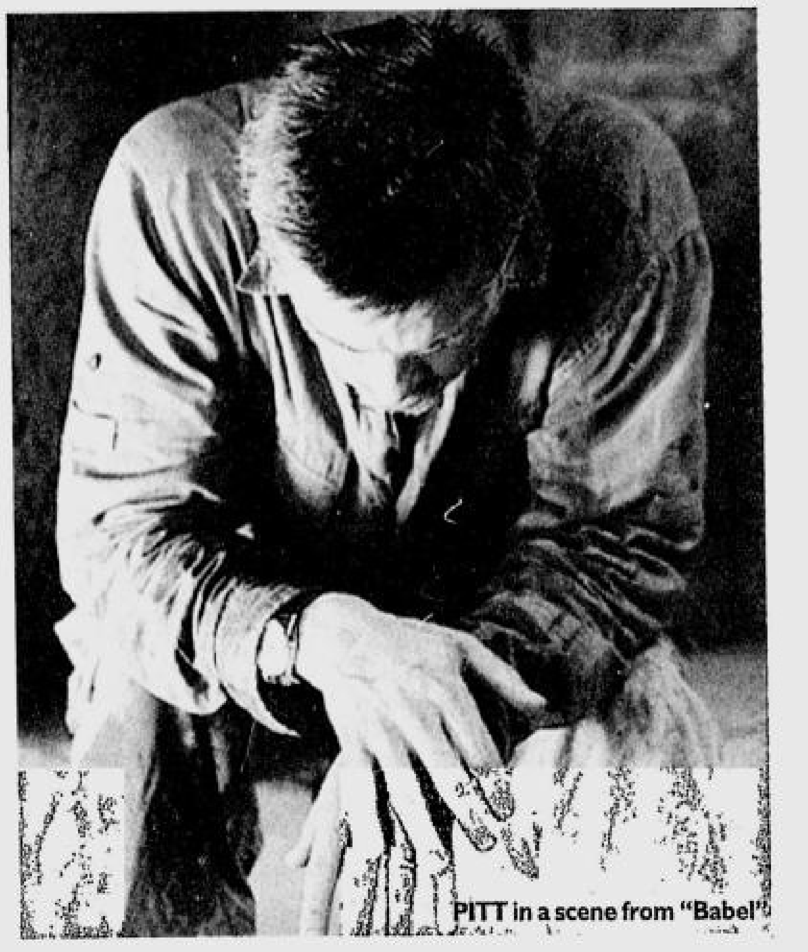
But there's a great verve and understanding because they deal with death and survival. We don't have that. It's a wisdom we don't understand. As I think about it, that leads me to my character and Cate's story in this film. They're a couple who are used to having a pharmacy down the road. We can get anything we want—doctors and all. So our characters don't think when they just say, 'Great, we'll go to Morocco,' it's the romantic idea of going to another country. They don't think about what would happen if they were to get into some kind of accident and how they would deal with it. They're not accustomed to the lack of services and opportunities. (But in the US), we grow up with the American dream—that we can be anything we want. That's the most lasting impact Africa has on me. It goes back to the issue of equality. It makes me and others I work with want to even out that playing field in some way.

Some reports claimed that you got married yesterday. And can you talk about the message you are sending by having an American baby in Africa?

No, not true (on the first one). But (we are) just as dedicated. Two people with our track record, you know (laughter). Namibia served a twofold purpose. I'll tell you a funny story. I was told this after the fact. At a meeting of the African Union, the Minister of Tourism from Namibia was asking South Africa, "How do we help ourselves with tourism? No one knows we exist. People don't come here." That was about two months before we went there (laughing) but we may have ruined a good thing. There was a search for where we can bring this child into the world and have some semblance of privacy for ourselves and our kids, especially her (Shiloh), and especially this idea that she could be part of another place. She was given a Namibian passport. That will bring us back there and at the same time we can invest in that place that Angie had been to before and fallen in love with. We can help out a little bit with their programs. There are great programs going on there. They're doing some good things on the equality and opportunity front. It was more of an instinct than an actual defining reason why it (Namibia) was right on these levels. Namibia just felt right for us and that was our goal from the beginning. We knew it would be a circus here. We had some romanticized ideas too—going deep in the Congo. But it was more instinctual on our part.

Has fatherhood exceeded your expectations?

Yes. They (the children) define what they want to be. You can't really push them in any direction. The fun part of being a parent is trying different things on the kids and seeing what they're drawn to and what they're not. It's almost like putting an array of musical instruments out in front of them and finding out which one they'd go for. Unfortunately, ours went for drums (laughter).



PITT in a scene from "Babel"

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Have your kids exceeded your expectations?

Oh yeah, absolutely. As I said before, I am not joking around. I'm looking for a soccer team (laughter). I want to compete in the World Cup.

Since the Mexican portion of this film's story deals with the immigration issue, can you comment on how cruel the experience can be for people who are not allowed to enter this country legally?

I'm really not knowledgeable enough to speak on it. But I like what Thomas L. Friedman (three-time Pulitzer prize winner, The New York Times' foreign-affairs columnist and pro-immigration advocate) said—something to the extent of proper control but bigger gates (The exact quote is, "Personally, I favor a very high fence, with a very big gate."). My worry is if we become too isolationist, we're going to choke ourselves.

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AKLAN
ITEM 1 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 385.00 sqm
Lot 1395-D-1 Interior Lot W/ No Rd Right Of Way Estancia
Market Value 270,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 189,000.00
ITEM 2 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 935.00 sqm.
Lot 1395-C Mun Rd Estancia
Market Value 1,309,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,048,000.00
BANGA
ITEM 3 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area. 796.00 sqm.
Lot 3073 Rd Right Of Way Mambog
Market Value 367,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 294,000.00
KALIBO
ITEM 4 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area. 7,684.00 sqm.
L2076-A-1 Brgy Rd Bachao Sur
Market Value 4,610,400.00
Minimum Bid Price 3,728,000.00
ANTIQUE
ITEM 5 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area 419.00 sqm.
Lot 10084 Provcial Rd Brgy. Alabay Tobias Fornier
Market Value 126,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 120,000.00
ITEM 6 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area. 1,145.00 sqm.
Lot 235 Mun. Rd Brgy Calag-Itan San Remigio
Market Value 286,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 244,000.00
ITEM 7 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area. 4,354.00 sqm.
Lot 1535 Bagumbayan St Subd Rd Agumbayan St, Cor Subd.Rd Brgy 8, San Jose
Market Value 5,351,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 4,014,000.00
ITEM 8 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area 256.00 sqm.
Lot-218 Tabaque St .Calag-Itan, San Remigio
Market Value 64,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 58,000.00
ITEM 9 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 992.56 sqm.
Lot4-A-3 Rd Right Way Brgy Funda-Dalipe San Jose
Market Value 556,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 445,000.00
ITEM 10 - LOT W/IMPRVT
Lot Area. 2,957.00 sqm.
Floor Area 155.00 sqm.
Lot-1-A Rd Right Of Way Int Lot Near Cardena St Brgy 5.Sn Jose
Market Value. 4,260,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 2,982,000.00
ITEM 11 - LOT W/IMPRVT.
Lot Area 850.00 sqm.
Floor Area. 190.00 sqm.
Lot-1494-A R/R Of Way Del Pilar St Brgy 8, San Jose
Market Value. 1,668,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,335,000.00
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Lot Area 6,445.00 sqm.
Floor Area 185.00 sqm.
Lot-364-K Democracia St. Brgy San Pedro, San Jose
Market Value 2,184,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,529,000.00
ITEM 13 - LOT W/IMPRVT.
Lot Area. 421.00 sqm.
Floor Area 135.00 sqm.
Lot 2492 Nat'L Rd Brgy. Villaflor, Tobias Fornier
Market Value. 351,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 320,000.00
ITEM 14 - LOT W/IMPRVT
Lot Area 3,094.00 sqm.
Floor Area 88.00 sqm.
Lot 2891 Nat'L Rd Brgy Dumrog,Pandan
Market Value. 1,038,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 727,000.00
ITEM 15 - LOT W/IMPRVT.
Lot Area 1,116.00 sqm.
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Lot-300-A & 297-A Nat'L Rd 306 & Nat'L Rd 297 Poblacion, Belison
Market Value. 1,151,000.00
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Lot Area 186,195.00 sqm.
Lot 8295 Brgy. Bangbongan 2Nd. Hamtic
Market Value 549,293.50
Minimum Bid Price 412,000.00
ITEM 17 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 670.00 sqm.
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Market Value 536,000.00
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ITEM 18 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,637.00 sqm.
Lot 420 419& 418 Old Provincial Brgy Nasuli, San Remigio
Market Value 196,000.00
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ITEM 19 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 40,518.00 sqm.
Lot-70777 A. Fornier St M San Jose
Market Value 234,054.00
Minimum Bid Price 176,000.00
ITEM 20 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 3,351.00 sqm.
Lot 10154 Provl. Rd Brgy Alabay. Tobias Fornier
Market Value 445,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 423,000.00
ITEM 21 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 13,736.00 sqm.
Lot 4374 Brgy Esperanza n Sibalom T.A. Fornier St San Jose
Market Value 66,340.00
Minimum Bid Price 53,000.00
ITEM 22 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 2,004.00 sqm.
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Market Value 1,400,000.00
Minimum Bid Price . 1,120,000.00
ITEM 23 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 246.00 sqm.
Lot 1755-B Iglesias St San Jose
Market Value 886,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 709,000.00
CAPIZ
ITEM 24 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 37,092.00 sqm.
Lot 3180-E Brgy Aganan, Dao
Market Value 111,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 89,000.00
ITEM 25 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 35,543.00 sqm.
Lot 321 Sitio Tagobong. Brgy Bungsu-An, Dumarao
Market Value 131,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 105,000.00
ITEM 26 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 43,505.00 sqm.
Lot 8 Brgy Daculan, Dumarao
Market Value 187,000.00
Minimum Bid Price . 150,000.00
ITEM 27 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 39,360.00 sqm.
Lot E Daculan Dumarao
Market Value: 193,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 155,000.00
ITEM 28 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,429.00 sqm.
Lot 247-B-2-B-1-K Poblacion Tacas, Pontevedra
Market Value 572,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 458,000.00
ITEM 29 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 113,080.00 sqm.
Lot 805 Brgy Banate Pontevedra
Market Value 685,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 483,000.00
ITEM 30 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 5,000.00 sqm.
Lot 247-B-5-A-1 Pontevedra
Market Value 50,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 40,000.00
ITEM 31 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 3,798.00 sqm.
Lot 247-B-5-A-2 Pontevedra
Market Value 37,980.00
Minimum Bid Price 31,000.00
ITEM 32 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 5,000.00 sqm.
Lot 247-B-5-A-3 Pontevedra
Market Value 50,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 40,000.00
TAPAZ
ITEM 33 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 26,672.00 sqm
Cad-2822 Brgy Wright, Tapaz
Market Value 110,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 88,000.00
ILOILO
ITEM 34 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area 270.00 sqm.
Lot 494-A Near Legaspi St., Brgy. Legaspi
Market Value 405,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 305,000.00
ITEM 35 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area 720.00 sqm.
Lot 78/3-A-1-B-5-C Brgy. Sto. Nino Sur, Arevalo
Market Value 218,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 153,000.00
ITEM 36 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area 746.00 sqm.
L4304-D Brgy Molo Blvd., Molo
Market Value 522,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 314,000.00
ITEM 37 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area 2,436.00 sqm.
L4304-B, Brgy Molo Blvd., Molo
Market Value 1,705,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,023,000.00
ITEM 38 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area 1,344.00 sqm.
Lot 682 Nat'l. Rd. Brgy Gines
Market Value 1,075,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 860,000.00
ITEM 39 - LOT W/IMPRVT
Lot Area 237.00 sqm.
Floor Area 100.00 sqm.
Lot - 1. Blk 5 Rd. Lot, Dayot Subd'. Brgy Dawis, Dingle
Market Value 330,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 264,000.00
ITEM 40 - LOT W/IMPRVT
Lot Area 2,304.00 sqm.
Floor Area 45.00 sqm
Lot-1721-A Brgy Rd Brgy Lanag St. Leon
Market Value 1,398,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,119,000.00
ITEM 41 - LOT W/IMPRVT
Lot Area. 2,775.00 sqm.
Floor Area 72.00 sqm.
Lot-1099 Brgy. Lanag, Leon
Market Value 1,781,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,425,000.00
ITEM 42 - LOT W/IMPRVT.
Lot Area 1,355.00 sqm.
Floor Area 182.00 sqm.
Lot 7265-A Plagata St Poblacion,Bingawan
Market Value. 1,706,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,365,000.00
ITEM 43 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 3,414.00 sqm.
Lot 704 Brgy Rd. Brgy Monpon, Duenas
Market Value. 512,000.00
Minimum Bid Price : 384,000.00
ITEM 44 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 2,846.00 sqm.
Lot 186 Artillo St., Carles
Market Value 874,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 656,000.00
ITEM 45 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 889.00 sqm.
Lot 1616-B-56 1616-B-6, Mun. Rd Brgy Tabuk Suba. Blac. Nueva
Market Value: 711,000.00
Minimum Bid Price . 570,000.00
ITEM 46 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 374.00 sqm.
Lot 2-H. Subd Rd De Los Santos Subd., Pob. Sur Balasan
Market Value 299,000.00
Minimum Bid Price . 240,000.00
ITEM 47 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 173,334.00 sqm.
Lot 5339-A, Brgy. Tampucao, Lambunao
Market Value. 560,082.00
Minimum Bid Price 421,000.00
ITEM 48 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 362.00 sqm.
Lot No 2-G Subd Rd De Los Santos Subd., Balasan
Market Value 289,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 232,000.00
ITEM 49 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 408.00 sqm.
Lot 1, Blk 18 Aquino St Subd Rd Aquino St.,Phase 2, St. Joseph Subd.,Brgy Biabago, Jaro
Market Value 734,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 688,000.00
ITEM 50 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 259.00 sqm.
Lot-1, Blk-2 Subd Rd Catalan Subd.,Brgy Capuling. Duenas
Market Value 130,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 104,000.00
ITEM 51 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 226.00 sqm.
Lot-2, Blk -2 Subd Rd Catalan Subd.,Brgy. Capuling, Duenas
Market Value 113,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 91,000.00
ITEM 52 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 2,600.00 sqm.
Lot 55-B-7-A-7 & Lot 55-B-7-A-5 R/R Of Way Brgy Sambag, Jaro
Market Value. 3,442,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 2,582,000.00
ITEM 53 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 316.00 sqm.
L1-Aa Subd Rd De Los Santos Subd., Pob'L Sur, Balasan
Market Value 253,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 203,000.00
ITEM 54 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 226.00 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk 2Subd Rd Catalan Subd.Brgy. Capuling Duenas
Market Value 113,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 91,000.00
ITEM 55 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 259.00 sqm.
Lot 1 Blk 2 Subd Rd. Catalan Subd.,Brgy. Capuling, Duenas
Market Value 130,000.00
Minimum Bid Price : 104,000.00
ITEM 056 - Vacant / Residential Subd. Lot
Lot Area 423.00 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk. 3, St Joseph Subdiv Brgy Cubay, Jaro, Iloilo
Market Value 500,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 450,000.00
ITEM 057 - Residential Lot w/ 2-Storey Res. Bldg
Lot Area 497.00 sqm.
Floor Area 108.25 sqm.
Lot 2387-A-2-C-2-C Poblacion, Municipality of Pototan
Market Value 777,000.00
Minimum Bid Price . 699,300.00
ITEM 058 - Residential Lot
Lot Area 300.00 sqm.
Lot 2203-A-2 Interior Guzman St., Brgy Guzman Jesena, Mandurriao
Market Value 300,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 270,000.00
JANIUAY
ITEM 59 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area 391.00 sqm.
L943 Prov'L Rd Brgy. Guadalupe
Market Value: 235,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 200,000.00
CALINOG
ITEM 60 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area 1,746.00 sqm.
L4788. Delgado St., Pob Ilaud,
Market Value 1,397,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,050,000.00
LAPAZ
ITEM 61 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area 949.00 sqm.
Lot 3487-B Baldoza St Brgy Baldoza
Market Value 635,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 540,000.00
LEGANES
ITEM 62 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area 493.00 sqm.
Lot 22 Espino Extension, Pob'L
Market Value: 345,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 260,000.00
POTOTAN
ITEM 63 - LOT W/ IMPRVT.
Lot Area 2,598.00 sqm.
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Lot 107 Railrd. Track, San Jose (Interior) St.,
Market Value 1,871,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,405,000.00
BACOLOD
ITEM 64 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
Lot Area 8,394.00 sqm.
Lot 663 Int. Portion Of Purok Kalingin, Brgy. Punta Taytay
Market Value: 2,016,000.00
Minimum Bid Price . 1,512,000.00
ITEM 65 - LOT W/IMPRVT
Lot Area 720.00 sqm.
Floor Area 1,334.00 sqm.
Lot 406-B-26 & 29, 13Th St., Brgy 4
Market Value: 8,390,000.00
Minimum Bid Price : 5,454,000.00
ITEM 66 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS
Lot Area 518.00 sqm.
Lot 2258 Mabini St., Dancalan, Ilog
Market Value 388,500.00
Minimum Bid Price . 350,000.00
ITEM 67 - LOT W/IMPRVT
Lot Area 410.00 sqm.
Floor Area. 86.00 sqm
Lot 91-B-5-G-1 Int Gallo St.
Market Value 496,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 372,000.00
ITEM 68 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 933.00 sqm.
Lot 11 Blk 8 Sta Clara Drive, Sta Clara Subd. Phase 1. Brgy Banago
Market Value: 2,799,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,960,000.00
ITEM 69 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 2,329.00 sqm.
Lot 5 Blk 2 Subd Road Sta Clara Subd., Phase 1 Brgy Banago
Market Value 6,987,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 4,891,000.00
ITEM 70 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 1,107.00 sqm.
Lot 7 Blk 39 Sta. Clara Drive. Sta. Clara Subd. Phase 1 Brgy Banago
Market Value 3,321,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 2,325,000.00
ITEM 71 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 1,628.00 sqm.
Lot 1-B Blk 1 Circumferential Road, Sta Clara Subd., Brgy Banago
Market Value 6,512,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 4,559,000.00
ITEM 72 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 2,243.00 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk 1 Circumferential Road, Sta Clara Subd., Brgy Banago
Market Value 8,972,000.00
Minimum Bid Price . 6,281,000.00
ITEM 73 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 1,937.00 sqm.
Lot 3 Blk 6 Circumferential Road, Sta. Clara Subd Brgy Banago
Market Value 7,748,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 5,424,000.00
ITEM 74 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 240.00 sqm.
Lot 4 Blk 26 San Pedro Ave., Sta Clara Subd (West) Brgy Banago
Market Value 552,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 525,000.00
ITEM 75 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 240.00 sqm.
Lot 6 Blk 26 San Pedro Ave., Sta. Clara Subd (West), Brgy Banago
Market Value 552,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 525,000.00
ITEM 76 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 240.00 sqm.
Lot 8 Blk 26 San Pedro Ave. Sta Clara Subd.(West), Brgy Banago
Market Value 552,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 525,000.00
ITEM 77 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 240.00 sqm.
L10 Blk 26 San Pedro Ave., Sta Clara Subd (West) Brgy Banago
Market Value 552,000.00
Minimum Bid Price . 525,000.00
ITEM 78 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 240.00 sqm.
L12 Blk 26 San Pedro Ave., Sta Clara Subd (West) Brgy. Banago
Market Value 552,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 525,000.00
ITEM 79 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 240.00 sqm.
L16 Blk 26 San Pedro Ave., Sta. Clara Subd (West). Brgy Banago
Market Value 552,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 525,000.00
ITEM 80 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 760.00 sqm.
L8 Blk 14 San Fernando Ave. Sta Clara Subd (West) Brgy Banago
Market Value 1,748,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,400,000.00
ITEM 81 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 760.00 sqm.
L14 Blk 14 San Fernando Ave, Sta Clara Subd (West). Brgy. Banago
Market Value 1,748,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,400,000.00
ITEM 82 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 760.00 sqm.
Lot 16 Blk 14 San Fernando Ave., Sta Clara Subd (West). Brgy Banago
Market Value 1,748,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,400,000.00
ITEM 83 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 1,065.00 sqm.
Lot 38 Blk 5 Paquita St., Villa Valderrama Subd Brgy Bata
Market Value. 2,450,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,715,000.00
ITEM 84 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 1,039.00 sqm.
Lot 39 Blk 5 Amelia St Villa Valderrama Subd. Brgy Bata
Market Value 2,390,000.00
Minimum Bid Price . 1,673,000.00
ITEM 085 – 3 PROPERTIES
1) 1 Storey Office & Bodega
Lot Area 557.00 sqm.
Floor Area 238.36 sqm.
Lot 2-B-8-E Lroville Subdivision
2) Vacant / Residential Subd. Lot
Lot Area 186.00 sqm.
Lot 25 Blk 27 Golden River Subdivision
3) Vacant / Residential Subd. L
Lot Area 150.00 sqm.
Lot 26 Blk 27 Golden River Subdivision
Market Value 3,000,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 2,400,000.00
ITEM 086 - Vacant / Residential Subd Lot
Lot Area: 499.00 sqm.
Lot 9 Blk. 9, Greenplains Subdivision III, Brgy Singcang-Airport
Market Value: 1,247,500.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,185,125.00
ITEM 087 - Vacant / Residential Subd. Lot
Lot Area 499.00 sqm.
Lot 14 Blk. 9 Greenplains Subdivision III Brgy Singcang-Airport
Market Value 1,996,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,896,200.00
ITEM 088 - Vacant / Residential Subd Lot
Lot Area 503.00 sqm.
Lot 15 Blk 9 Greenplains Subdivision III, Brgy Singcang-Airport
Market Value 2,012,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 1,911,400.00
ITEM 089 - Residential Lot
Lot Area: 1,000.00 sqm.
Floor Area 280.80 sqm
Lot 10-A-4-C-2-B-2-C-7 Purok Mars near Araneta Street Brgy Singcang-Airport
Market Value 4,000,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 3,400,000.00
ITEM 090 - Vacant Comm'l. lots
Lot Area 146.00 sqm.
Lot 6-F-3-B & 6-F-3-C Tindalo Ave., Shopping, Brgy Villamonte
Market Value 3,800,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 3,420,000.00
ITEM 091 - Residential Lot
Lot Area 3,937.00 sqm.
Lot 2 Hilda Kalumbai, Brgy. San Jose, E.B. Magalona, Negros Occ.
Market Value 800,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 600,000.00
BAGO
ITEM 92 - LOT W/IMPRVT
Lot Area 10,000.00 sqm.
Floor Area 900.00 sqm.
Lot 14-A Bago-Ma-Ao Road, Brgy Lag-Asan
Market Value 5,090,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 4,072,000.00
ITEM 93 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 725.00 sqm.
Lot 216-A--5-H Purok Balingbay Poblacion
Market Value 290,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 203,000.00
ITEM 94 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 1,000.00 sqm.
Lot 216-A--5-A, Purok Balingbay. Poblacion
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CADIZ
ITEM 95 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 600.00 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk 4; Lot 3 Blk 4; Lot 4 Blk 4 Purok Democracia. Brgy Jerusalem
Market Value 90,000.00
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ITEM 96 - AGRILAND
Lot Area. 251.00 sqm.
Lot 13 Blk 28 Road Lot 27. Andrea Village, Zone II Poblacion
Market Value 100,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 70,000.00
HINOBAAN
ITEM 97 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 2,279.00 sqm.
3954-B-6-B Brgy 2, Poblacion
Market Value 272,000.00
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Lot Area 999.50 sqm.
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Lot 154-A-2 Burgos St. Brgy. 8
Market Value 1,205,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 904,000.00
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ITEM 99 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
Lot Area 973.00 sqm.
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Lot No 180-F-5 Bangga Tuiling, Int. Lacson St.
Market Value 791,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 595,000.00
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ITEM 100 - LOT W/IMPRVT
Lot Area 300.00 sqm.
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Lot 19-I-5-A A.E. Maranon S Poblacion II
Market Value 666,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 600,000.00
ITEM 101 - LOT W/IMPRVT
Lot Area. 201.00 sqm.
Floor Area 70.00 sqm.
Lot 1, Blk 3 Osterhols Sharmbeck Corner Mozart Sts. City Heights Subd.
Market Value 311,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 280,000.00
ITEM 102 - LOT W/IMPRVT
Lot Area. 240.00 sqm.
Floor Area 100.00 sqm.
Lot 10, Blk 46 Tupaz St., Extension, Poblacion 1
Market Value 554,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 416,000.00
ITEM 103 - LOT W/IMPRVT
Lot Area 240.00 sqm.
Floor Area 80.00 sqm.
Lot 1 Blk 43 Tupaz St Aguilar Subd.
Market Value 608,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 456,000.00
ITEM 104 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 500.00 sqm.
Lot 14 Purok Lono, Brgy Vito
Market Value 45,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 32,000.00
ITEM 105 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 500.00 sqm.
Lot 9 Purok Lono Brgy Vito
Market Value. 45,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 32,000.00
TOBOSO
ITEM 106 - AGRILAND
Lot Area. 10,275.00 sqm.
Lot 1819 Sitio San Roque, Brgy. Salamanca
Market Value. 57,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 40,000.00
ITEM 107 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 329.00 sqm.
Lot 2, Blk 6, Dumdum Subd Brgy. Poblacion
Market Value 66,000.00
Minimum Bid Price 53,000.00
VICTORIAS
ITEM 108 - LOT W/IMPRVT
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NCCA, FDCP reject independent filmmaker's 'last-minute request'

By Marinel R. Cruz

THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE and the Arts (NCCA) and the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP), government agencies that provide subsidies to filmmakers, said they could not grant financial aid to independent filmmaker Mes de Guzman because his was a "last-minute request."

De Guzman earlier sought monetary assistance from the two government agencies for his trip to Spain to attend the 54th San Sebastian International Film Festival where he received a special citation for the digital film "Ang Daan Patungong Kalimugtong (The Road to Kalimugtong)."

The NCCA and the FDCP did not grant his request.

A SCENE from "Ang Daan Patungong Kalimugtong"

"I don't remember Mes requesting for financial aid from the NCCA in August for the San Sebastian film fest," said NCCA cinema committee chair Clodualdo "Doy" del Mundo. "But even if he did, I don't think it would be approved. It normally takes three to six months for requests to be processed. We also don't allow reimbursements."

In an earlier interview with INQUIRER Entertainment, De Guzman pointed out that he was only expecting the agencies to reimburse the money he would borrow elsewhere as he needed assurance that he would pay the loan.

The director did not identify the agencies concerned.

Del Mundo said that before a request is granted, the filmmaker should first submit an application form to the cinema committee, which would either reject or endorse the request to an NCCA sub-committee.

The sub-committee is comprised of different department heads from Literature, Theater and Visual Arts.

Final approval

"If the application is approved on this level, it will then be forwarded to the NCCA board, which would give the final approval," Del Mundo said in an interview on Thursday. "But his was a last-minute request."

Del Mundo said the NCCA has "supported" De Guzman in the past. The director has received a grant of P200,000 for his first short film, "Batang Trapo," another P200,000 for his video "Diliman," and recently, P250,000 for his new film "Balikbayan Box."

Christine Dayrit, FDCP vice chair and Cinema Evaluation Board chair, confirmed that De Guzman sent a letter to the FDCP requesting for subsidy, "but there wasn't enough time to get board approval."

She added that De Guzman then sought for reimbursement when she met with him the day before he was supposed to leave for San Sebastian.

"But I could not just say yes to him. The FDCP board has to approve all financial subsidies," Dayrit said on Wednesday. "Since our funds are from tax rebates from the government, the FDCP must be very careful and thorough…"

She said: "Since the council has very limited funds, it was agreed that a film could get subsidy if it had already won in festivals abroad."

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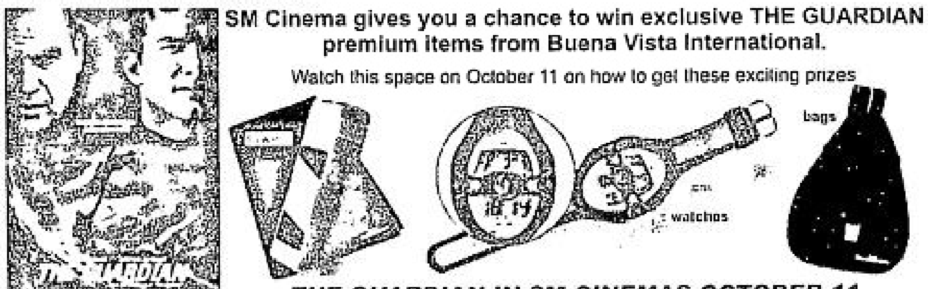

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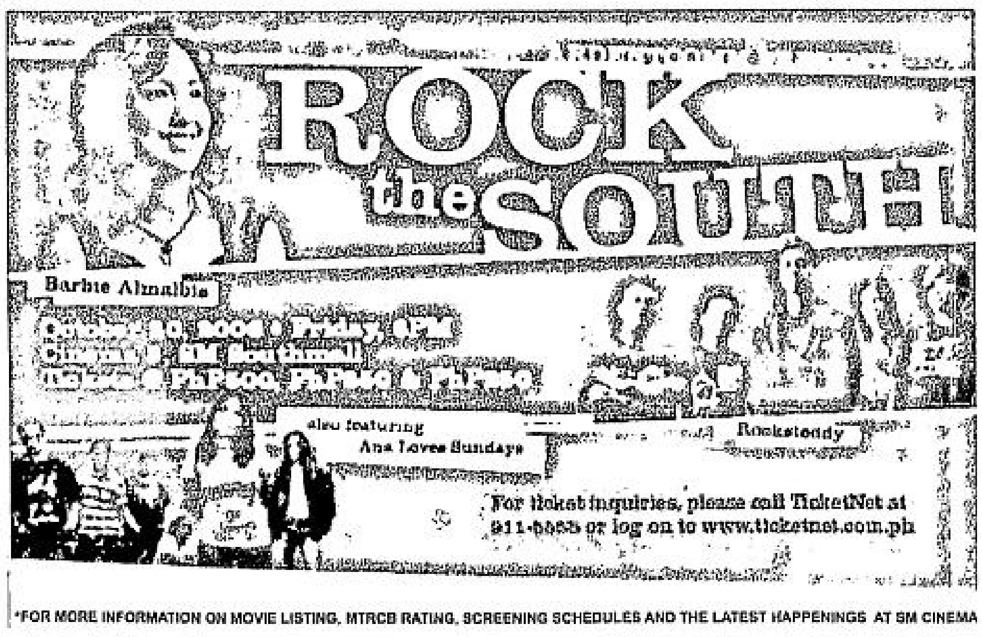

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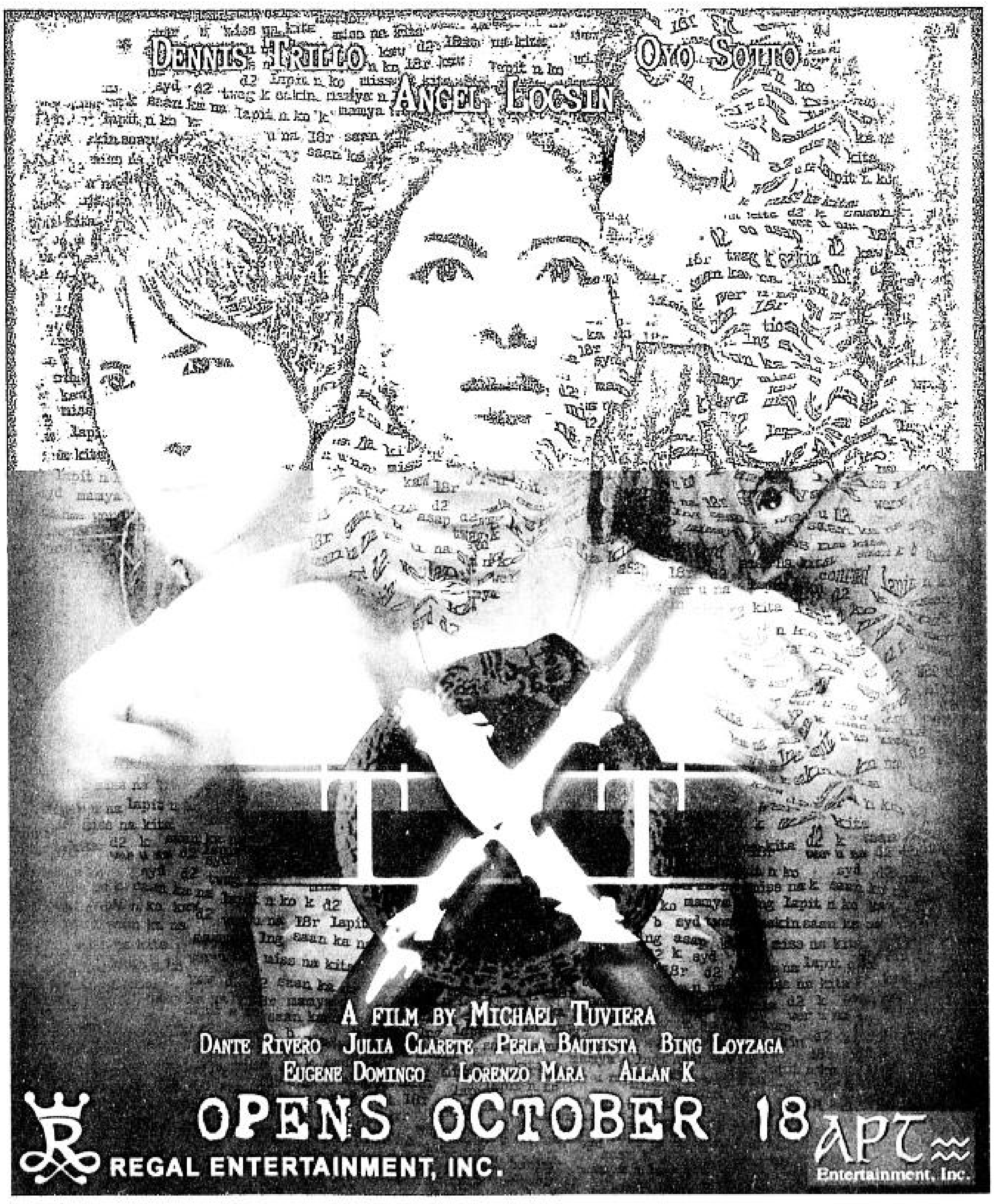
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The end is near for 'Six Feet Under'

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

REVIEW

DEATH AND REBIRTH, IN THE past four seasons of "Six Feet Under," have shaped the Fisher family, morticians whose cyclical ups and downs have become reflective of many families' complicated, struggle-filled lives. The program, created by acclaimed "American Beauty" scribe Alan Ball, is uniquely a morose and profound series that celebrated—and emotionally tortured—a number of imperfect, fierce archetypes for years. Its final season—it'll finally air over HBO Asia—replicates the same shifts, but this time, growth appears to be at a critical point, as there are only a couple of episodes left before the Fishers' trying, tangled journeys come to an end.

In the final season's first two episodes, "A Coat of White Primer" and "Dancing for Me," strained relationships worsen. Former art student Claire (Lauren Ambrose) and her mother Ruth (Frances Conroy) become more distant than ever. Ruth's new husband George (James Cromwell) is revealed to be suffering from a recurring mental illness, which begins to affect their marriage and the Fisher household. The impending marriage, meanwhile, of Nate (Peter Krause) and Brenda (Rachel Griffiths) is marred by an unexpected, unfortunate incident.

Watching these two episodes will remind you that, as with previous seasons, things can get really depressing when these characters become problematic. Seeing them go through hell, understandably, does keep things from becoming boring. But starting off at a more blissful state this time are gay lovers David (Michael C. Hall) and Keith (Matthew St. Patrick), who are hoping to raise their own child. This leads to a funny dream sequence at one point, involving potential surrogate mothers and their reasons for helping the couple produce a baby. Yes, they still "speak" to imaginary and dead people in their own escapist pseudo-realities, often a good icebreaker when stuff gets awfully serious.

Federico (Freddy Rodriguez), who's practically a family member, begins dating again, after his damaging split with wife Vanessa (Justina Machado) in the previous season. His subplot looks promising; Federico has rarely been focused on, except in a few select episodes.

Another character who seems to be gearing up for more screen chaos is ex-nutcase Billy (Jeremy Sisto), whose docile relationship with Claire has been dull so far. The old, disturbed Billy is bound to resurface, and is expected to shake things up before the series draws to a close.

Again, these characters have gone through some of the most painful transformations that TV drama characters could ever experience. Siblings Nate, David and Claire lost their father when the series began, and have lived through loss and failure in their various relationships. Ruth, their sweet but combustible mother, is similarly troubled occasionally, but the Fishers and their extended family, despite being exposed to death through their business, are appreciative of life's bounties. We've seen them at their worst, and we share their joy when they're celebrating their lives.

The series has had its share of decompressed, repetitive storylines—there haven't been absolutely bad episodes, only predictable, lackluster arcs—but those are often rectified by the season finales.

Now that it's ending, the clock is ticking for the Fishers, and whether it ends in laughter or tears, "Six Feet Under" will rightfully be remembered as a show with some of the most human, most developed people ever to grace television.

(The final season of "Six Feet Under" premieres Oct. 10, 10 p.m., on HBO.)

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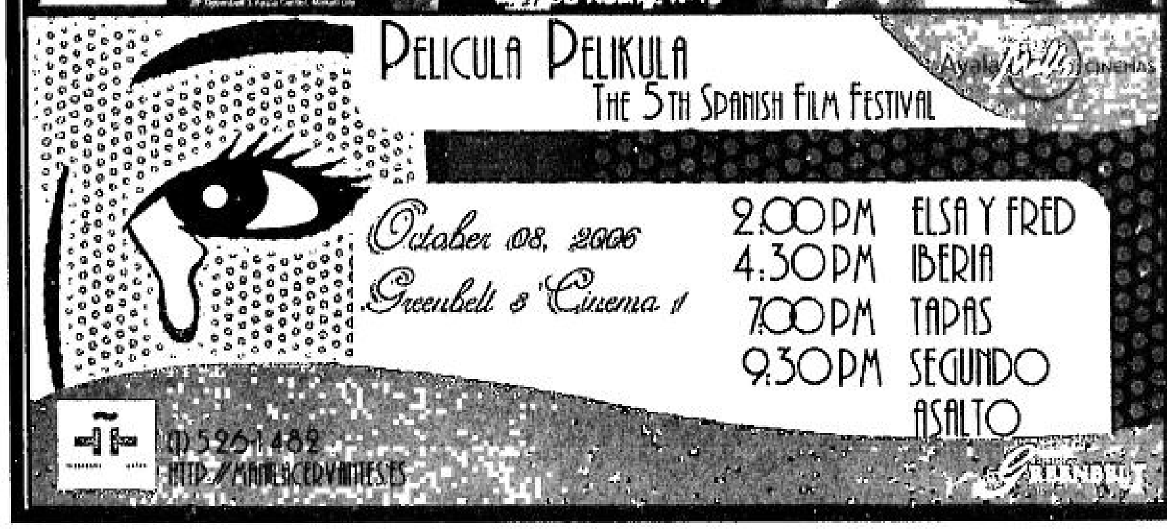
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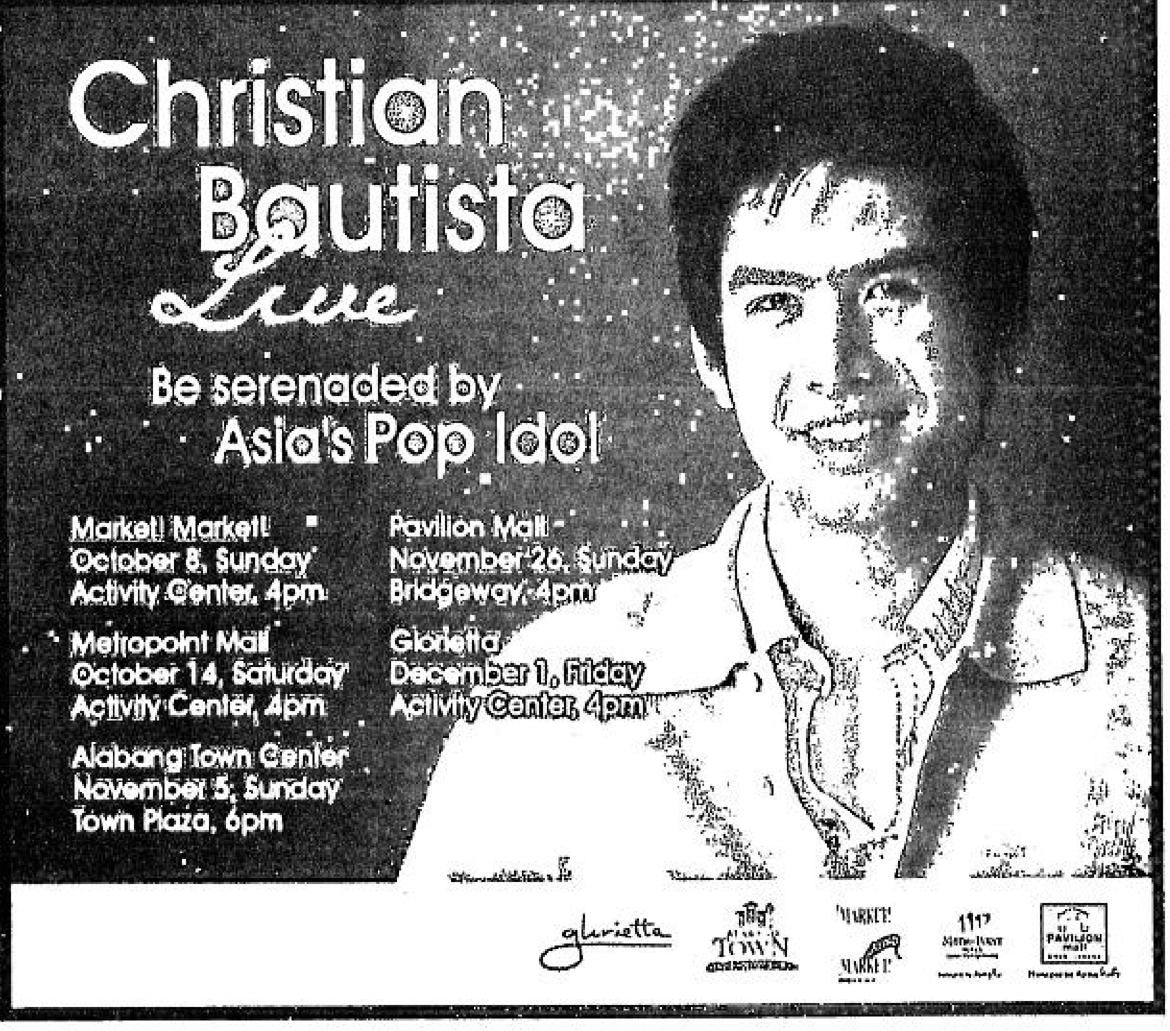
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Short films on Guimaras oil spill air tonight

ONLY 13 OF THE 16 SHORT FILMS ON THE environmental disaster in Guimaras Island will be shown tonight on ABC 5's current affairs program "Shorts" at 10:30 p.m.

Filmmaker Khavn dela Cruz's work recently received an "X" rating from the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), while Paolo Villaluna and Emman dela Cruz failed to submit copies of their films on the deadline set by the network, according to the program's executive producer Bing Dimaano.

The episode, titled "Guimaras: Short Films from the Oil Spill," has originally been scheduled to air last week but was postponed "to give the filmmakers more time to finish their work and to stretch the episode to two hours," said Dimaano.

Airing tonight are four-minute versions of the films.

In September, independent filmmakers Milo Paz, Emman dela Cruz, Jeck Cogama, Paolo Villaluna, Wilfred Galila, Kidlat Tahimik, Kidlat De Guia, JP Carpio, Seymour Sanchez, Raya Martin, Roxlee, Ann Shy, Khavn dela Cruz, Victor Villanueva, Drei Boquieren and Oscar Nava flew to Guimaras Island to shoot a 10-minute short film each on the oil spill in Western Visayas.

The project, a co-production of ABC 5 and the Independent Filmmakers Cooperative of the Philippines (IFC), aims to create awareness among the general public on the effects of the oil spill. The full 10-minute versions of the short films will be shown from Oct. 13 to 15 at the Robinsons Galleria in Quezon City.

Marinel R. Cruz

KHAVN dela Cruz shoots his "X" rated film. Above, oil clings on rocks in Guimaras shores.

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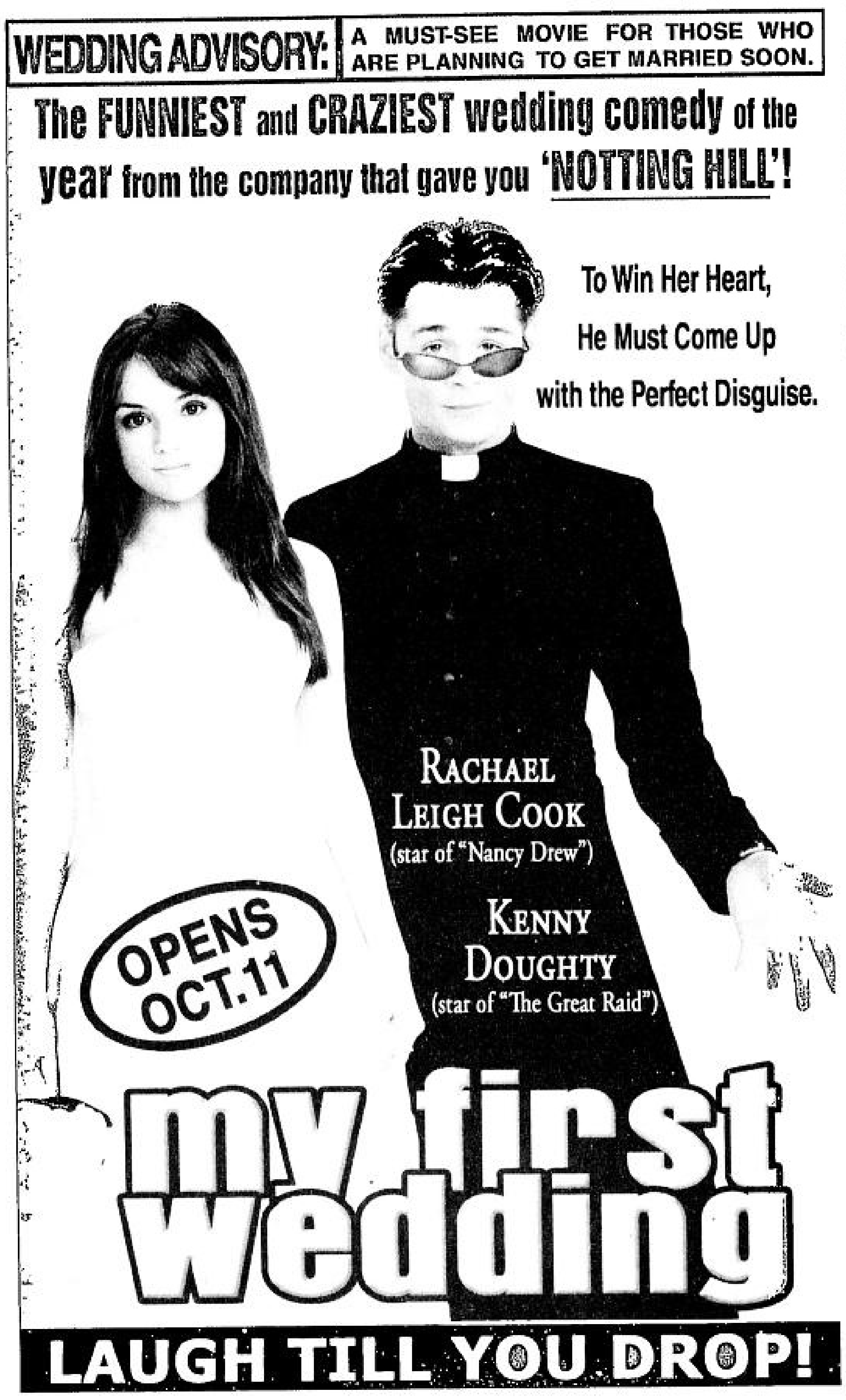

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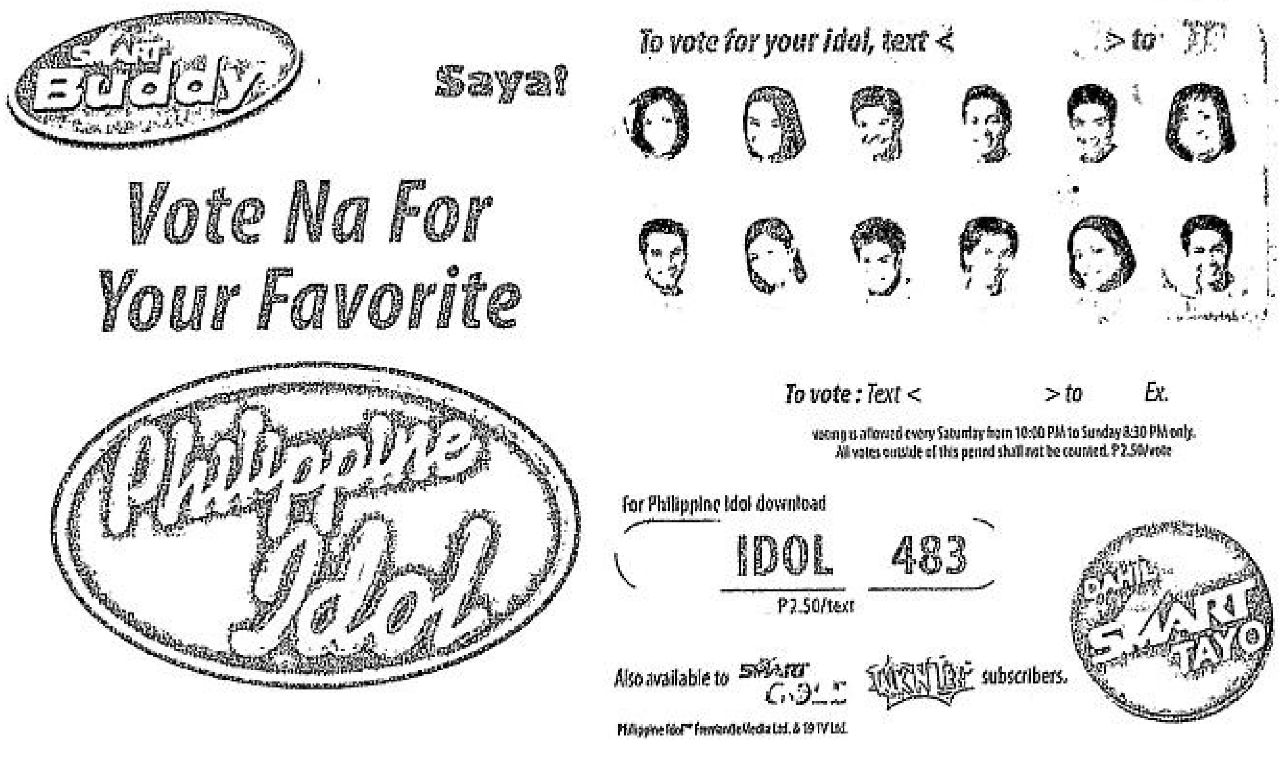

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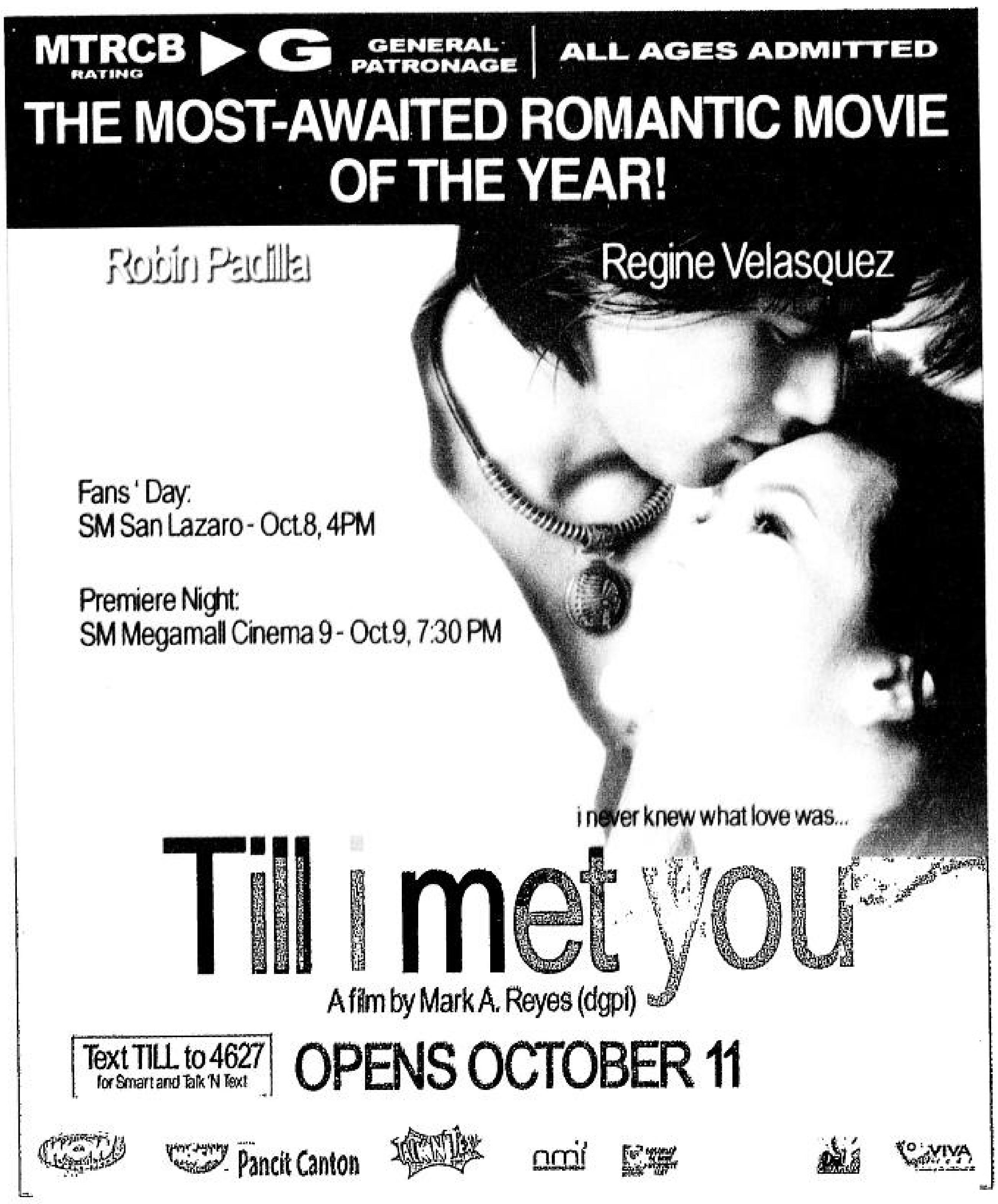

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The City Government of Olongapo, through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites system integrators solution providers/distributors/contractors to apply for the eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project	Hospital Information System (Local Area Network & Computerization)
Location	James L. Gordon Memorial Hospital, Olongapo City
Contract No.	OC-103-JLGMH-030-06 GD
Brief Description	Provision of a fully integrated hospital information system which will satisfy the needs and facilitate the objectives for computerization of James L. Gordon Memorial Hospital
Approved Budget	Php 10,318,600.00

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar and related project within the last two (2) years with an amount of at least fifty percent (50%) of the proposed project for bidding and have the key personnel and equipment (owned, leased or under puchase) available for the prosecution of the project.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using nondiscretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights to privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from the Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section 11 of the Bidding Documents. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post qualification procedure.

All particulars relative to the Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

DATE	ACTIVITIES	VENUE
Sept 29 2006 to Oct 19, 2006	Posted at GEPS Website & Conspicuous Places/Newspaper of Nationwide Circulation	
Oct. 12, 2006 to Oct. 17, 2006	Issuance of Bid Documents upon payment of non-refundable bid form fee of P22,500.00 - 8.00 AM to 5.00 PM from the BAC Secretariat. Method of payment will be in cash	BAC Secretariat 2/F Gen Services Office Olongapo City Hall
Oct. 18, 2006	Pre-Bidding Conference at 10.00 a.m.	
Oct. 31, 2006	Opening of Bids at 3.00 pm	
Nov. 02 to 07, 2006	Bid Evaluation / Post Qualification	
Nov. 08, 2006	Notice of Awards	

The City Government of Olongapo reserves the right to accept and reject any bid, to annul the bidding process and to cancel all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

Further information may be obtained from the BAC Secretariat, General Services Office, 2/F Olongapo City Hall.

(Sgd.) MERLITO J. MAJARUCON
Head, BAC Secretariat

NOTED BY
(Sgd.) Atty. ANGELITO R. OROZCO
BAC Chairman

(PDI - Oct 1 & 8 2006)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (NTC) is inviting interested and legitimate suppliers to apply for eligibility and to submit bid proposals for the supply of **Security Services** for the Commission. Those who were previously registered need not register but shall be required to update the submitted registration requirements. The approved budget for the contract is **P3,500,000.00** and locally funded by the National Government.

Registration requirements can be secured from **Ms. Sophia Lynn B. Lumantod**, Head, NTC BAC Secretariat, NTC Bldg., BIR Road, East Avenue, Quezon City, beginning **9 October 2006**, to be submitted not later than **23 October 2006, 5:00 p.m.**, through the NTC-BAC Secretariat.

Notification of registered suppliers and issuance of bid documents to registered suppliers shall be from **25-31 October 2006** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00).

Pre-bid Conference will be on **6 November 2006 at 2:00 p.m.** at the NTC Office, NTC Bldg., BIR Rd., East Avenue, Quezon City.

Deadline for submission and opening of the bids will be on **November 20, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. and 20 November 2006 at 2:15 p.m.**, respectively. Bidders shall submit **five (5) separate sealed envelopes; one (1)** envelope containing the **eligibility requirements, two (2)** envelopes containing **the technical component** of the bid, one (1) envelope duly marked as Original and the other as a Copy, and **two (2)** envelopes containing the **financial component** of the bid, one (1) envelope duly marked as Original and the other as a Copy. All communications must be addressed to the undersigned in the above-specified address.

Prospective bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/ execution in accordance with **"Republic Act 9184" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.**

The NTC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any defect or informality of the bid proposals received and to accept and award the bid to the bidder whose proposal is considered most advantageous to the Government. The NTC assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify any bidder for expenses or loss that it may incur in the preparation/process of the bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

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IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR THE DECLARATION OF STATE OF SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS, APPOINTMENT OF REHABILITATION RECEIVER AND APPROVAL OF REHABILITATION PLAN, — SP. PROC. NO. 8838-06

GOLDEN AGRI FARM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
Petitioner.
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STAY ORDER

Petitioner, on September 20, 2006, filed herein petition alleging that it is a domestic corporation with principal office address at Gempesaw St., Davao City; that since its incorporation on February 12, 1990, it had been viable and financially profitable in the business of breeding, growing, and selling swine at its piggery; that due to the expansion and modernization of petitioner's piggery business, coupled with the Asian Currency Crisis, the devaluation of the Philippine peso and the sudden drop of swine product prices accompanied by a rise in the price of and other ingredients for feeds caused the rapid exhaustion of petitioner's readily available funds; that this lack of liquidity resulted in the accumulation of past due accounts of suppliers, thereby reducing inventory levels and credit limits and containing petitioner to obtain new loans and incur more debts to finance maturing supplier obligations; that anent thereto, its management foresees the impossibility of covering these obligations as they fall due and, in fact, few of the petitioner's creditors, such as the Land Bank of the Philippines have already initiated foreclosure proceedings upon petitioner's properties; that if the operations of petitioner corporation would be hampered by the moves of the creditors who are not paid on time, it would result in a more difficult process for the settlement of those obligations already maturing, and this would render impossible the payment of all other existing obligations with other creditors; be that as it may, petitioner is very optimistic that it will be able to cover and pay for all of its obligations, considering the upturn in the prices of swine products and the decline in the price of corn, as well as the increasing value of its real properties; that petitioner believes that it still has a financially sound and viable business which can and should be returned to financial health by the implementation of its proposed Rehabilitation Plan.

Finding the petition together with its annexes sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby:

1. Appoints Francisco J. Buencamino of Unit 103, Delsa Mansion 44 Scout Borromeo St., South Triangle, Quezon City 1100, as Rehabilitation Receiver with a bond in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (Php500,000.00) PESOS;
2. Stays the enforcement of all claims, whether for money or otherwise and whether such enforcement is by court action or otherwise, against the petitioner, its guarantors and sureties not solidarily liable with the debtor;
3. Prohibits petitioner from selling, encumbering, transferring, or disposing in any manner any of its properties except in the ordinary course of business;
4. Prohibits petitioner from making any payment of its liabilities outstanding as of the date of filing of the petition;
5. Prohibits the debtor's suppliers of goods or services from withholding supply of goods and services in the ordinary course of business for as long as the debtor makes payment for the services and goods supplied after the issuance of the Stay Order;
6. Directs the payment in full of all administrative expenses incurred after the issuance of the Stay Order;
7. Fixes the initial hearing of the petition on November 27, 2006, at 8:30 o'clock in the morning;
8. Directs petitioner to cause the publication of this Order in the Philippine Daily Inquirer once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks starting not later than seven (7) days from the issuance of this Order;
9. Directs all creditors and all interested parties (including the Securities and Exchange Commission) to file and serve with the court and on the petitioner a verified comment on or opposition to the petition, with supporting affidavits and documents, not later than ten (10) days before the date of the initial hearing and putting them on notice that their failure to do so will bar them from participating in the proceedings;
10. Directing the creditors and interested parties to secure from the court copies of the petition and its annexes to enable them to file their comment on or opposition to the petition and to prepare for the initial hearing on November 27, 2006, otherwise they will be barred from participating in the proceedings of this case.

The petitioner is hereby directed to immediately serve a copy of this Order and the Petition *(with annexes)* to the Rehabilitation Receiver appointed by the Court, Francisco J. Buencamino of Quezon City, who is requested to manifest his acceptance or non-acceptance of his appointment and if he accepts said appointment, to take his oath before the Branch Clerk of Court of this Court and post the corresponding bond as aforementioned in favor of the petitioner to guarantee the faithful performance of his functions as receiver, not later than fifteen (15) days from receipt of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN CHAMBERS this 21st day of September 2006, at Davao City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) **JAIME V. QUITAIN**
Judge

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(PDI - October 8, 2006)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The San Lazaro Hospital hereby invites sealed written bids from interested and eligible suppliers/manufacturers/retailers to participate in the bidding for the procurement and delivery of **Hospital Supplies and Materials, for the 1st semester, January-June 2007; Hospital Contractual Services and Hospital Office/Medical Equipment for CY 2007.** Funding sources are from the GOP Allotment for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses for Supplies and Materials, Revolving Funds from Drugs and Medicines and Hospital Retained Incomes.

Application forms for **ELIGIBILITY** shall be available upon payment of non-refundable fees of Three Hundred Pesos (Php300.00), for Hospital Supplies and Materials and **Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00)** for Hospital Contractual Services and Hospital Office/Medical Equipment from **October 9, 2006 up to the date before the submission and opening of bids,** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the BAC Secretariat, Property & Supply Office, San Lazaro Hospital

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION of duly accomplished Application for Eligibility and supporting documents shall not be later than the **day before the scheduled date of the submission and opening of bid per category. Please bring** original copies of all submitted documents for proper authentication.

Interested Bidders can obtain the **BID DOCUMENTS** to the BAC Secretariat, located at the Property & Supply Office, San Lazaro Hospital **from October 16, 2006 up to the date before the opening of the bids by category** upon submission of Letter of Intent (LOI) and upon payment of non- refundable fees as indicated per category. Payment shall be strictly on a cash basis at the hospital Collection Unit.

CATEGORIES	APPROVED BUDGET COST (ABC)	CONTRACT PERIOD	COST OF BID DOCUMENTS
• Drugs/Medicines Supplies			
(REGULAR)	Php12,000,000.00	Jan.-June, 2007	Php 2,500.00
(REVOLVING)	Php24,000,000.00	Jan.-June, 2007	Php 2,500.00
• Medical Supplies	Php 4,000,000.00	Jan.-June, 2007	Php 1,000.00
• Medical Gases & Oxygen	Php10,000,000.00	Jan.-June, 2007	Php 2,500.00
• Radiology Supplies	Php1,000,000.00	Jan.-June, 2007	Php 500.00
• Dietary Foodstuff Supplies	Php 5,000,000.00	Jan.-June, 2007	Php 1,000.00
• Janitorial Supplies	Php 1,000,000.00	Jan.-June, 2007	Php 500.00
• Maintenance Supplies	Php 3,000,000.00	Jan.-June, 2007	Php 1,000.00
• Linen Supplies	Php 1,500,000.00	Jan.-June, 2007	Php 500.00
• Laboratory Supplies/Reagent	Php 7,000,000.00	Jan.-June, 2007	Php 2,000.00
• Laboratory Reagents w/ Machine tie-up	Php 5,000,000.00	Jan.-Dec., 2007	Php 1,500.00
• Dental Supplies	Php 1,000,000.00	Jan.-Dec., 2007	Php 500.00
• Laundry Service	Php 1,000,000.00	Jan.-Dec., 2007	Php 1,000.00
• Janitorial Service	Php 8,000,000.00	Jan.-Dec., 2007	Php 2,000.00
• Hospital Office/Medical Equipment	Php 5,000,000.00	30 to 45 days per receipt of PO	Php 1,500.00

General **PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held on **October 27, 2006, 9:00 am at SLH Amphitheater, San Lazaro Hospital,** Quiricada St. Sta. Cruz, Manila unless announced otherwise.

BID QUOTATIONS must be submitted to the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at the time/dates specified below, which said bids will be opened to the Public at SACCL Function Room, unless announced otherwise, as follows:

CATEGORIES	OPENING	SCHEDULE
• **Drugs/Medicines Supplies**	9:01 am	November 13, 2006
• Laboratory Supplies/Reagents /		
• Laboratory Reagents w/ machine tie-up	1:31 pm	
• **Medical Supplies/Med Gases & Oxygen**	9:01 am	November 14, 2006
• Dietary Foodstuff Supplies	1:31 pm	
• Radiology Supplies	2:31 pm	
• Dental Supplies	3:01 pm	
• **Janitorial/Maintenance/Linen Supplies**	9:01 am	November 15, 2006
• Laundry/Janitorial Services	1:31 pm	
• Hospital Office/Medical Equipment	2:01 pm	November 17, 2006

Each *BID* must be accompanied by a **Bid Security** in an amount at least equal to, and not lower than, a percentage of the lump sum of the **Approved Budget Cost (ABC)** per category as participated in any form as indicated in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

All above cited activities shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of RA 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)

For further details, please contact the BAC Secretariat at telephone nos 3099552 and Property & Supply Office 3099517

THE SLH-BAC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BID, TO ANNUL THE BIDDING PROCESS, AND REJECTS ALL BIDS AT ANYTIME PRIOR TO THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT, WITHOUT THEREBY INCURRING ANY LIABILITY TO THE AFFECTED BIDDERS OR ANY OBLIGATION TO INFORM THE AFFECTED BIDDER/BIDDERS ON THE REASONS FOR DOING SO. SLH-BAC ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO COMPENSATE OR INDEMNIFY BIDS NOR DEEM IT GUARANTEED THAT AN AWARD WILL BE MADE.

(Sgd.) ELEONORITA E. REYES
Chairperson
SLH-Bids and Awards Committee

Noted by:
ARTURO B. CABANBAN, MD, MHA
Medical Center Chief II
Posted at the G-EPS Website
(PDI – October 8 & 15, 2006)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID ON

Name of the Project: Rehabilitation of NATIONAL ARTS CENTER (NAC) Cafeteria.

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The CCP now calls for the submission of Letter of Intents (LOIs) from potential Bidders to apply for eligibility for the project "Repair and Rehabilitation of CCP Main Theater Backstage Ceiling." Bidders should possess a valid PCAB license applicable to the above type and cost of the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC, and meet the other minimum eligibility requirements stated in the Eligibility Documents. Interested bidders must submit their LOIs on or before October 17, 2006, 5:30 pm 3/F BAC Secretariat, Tanghalang Pambansa (CCP Main Building) Roxas Blvd., Pasay City and secure the Eligibility documents therefrom. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. The last day for the submission of the accomplished Eligibility Documents shall be on the date of the opening of Eligibility Documents: October 27, 2006 at the BAC Secretariat. Only those Bidders passing the eligibility check will be entitled to purchase the Bidding Documents.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest of outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. Only Bids from eligible bidders will be opened.

Interested Bidders shall submit their accomplished Eligibility Documents to the BAC Secretariat on or before October 27, 2006. Bidders may obtain further information from the same office and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below starting October 13, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Bidders that passed the eligibility check upon the presentation of the Notice of Eligibility to the BAC Secretariat and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00). The method of payment will be in cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

The CCP BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all Eligible Bidders on November 03, 2006, 1:30 p.m., 3/F Tanghalang Pambansa CCP (Main Bldg.).

Eligible bidders must submit their Bids at the address below on or before November 17, 1:30 p.m. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of cash/certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit or bank guarantee or surety bond based on the agency approved budget for contract. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bid opening shall be on November 17, 2006, 1:30 p.m. at the 3/F Tanghalang Pambansa, CCP Complex, Pasay City. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders's representatives.

The award of the project shall be based on the lowest calculated responsive bid received from the Bidders.

The CCP reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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(Sgd.) **RUDY B. CAÑA**
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Project Evaluation and Registration Department

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5. Resl Condo Unit w/ prkng slo # 12, Unit 2210, 22-F / FA 37 — 2,285,000

MANILA – Sampaloc | MIN BID
6 H&L / # 1308-A Castanos St Brgy 414 / LA-290, FA-258 (near Legarda & Arellano University) — 3,294,000

PASIG – Ort., AIC Gold Twr. | MIN BID
near Robinsons Galleria & Poveda School
7 Resl Condo Unit w/ prkng slot (#19,B-4) Unit 1410, 14/F Emerald Ave cor Sapphire&Garnet St /FA 137 — 7,880,000

PARANAQUE CITY | MIN BID
8. 2 Sty w/ attic & s'pool/L2 B6 Dona Rita Diaz St, Fortunata Vill La Huerta LA 325 / FA 459 (nr Sucat Rd & Regis Marie Schl) — 3,800,000
9. 2-Sty w/ attic & s'pool/L60 B1 Lourdes St,Teoville Subd,Sn Dionisio LA 392,FA 291 (nr Tahanan Village) — 4,000,000
10. Resl Condo Unit w/ prkng slot Unit 1801, 18th flr Chateau De Baie Condo, Roxas Blvd cor Airport Rd FA 144 (b/ween Baclaran Church & Uniwide C'tel) — 5,850,000

QUEZON CITY | MIN BID
11. Resl./Comml Lot/L46 B1,Don Mariano Marcos Ave cor Adnan St North Fairview Subd / LA 658 (near NCBA & Regalado Avenue) — 6,400,000
12 3 Sty Resl Townhse / Unit 3 Trafalgar Villas, F Dela Rosa St Loyola Hts LA83,FA190 (nr Ateneo-Gate3) — 6,000,000
13 3-Sty Thse/Unit R Sentosa Hts # 18 Sct Bayoran St, South Triangle LA 182 / FA 391 (between Sct Tuazon & T. Morato, near Hotel Rembrant) — 7,200,000
14 Hse & Lot / # 19 Balabac St Araneta Vill, Brgy Dona Imelda LA-777, FA-348 * w/ Lis Pendens (near Quezon Inst. & SM Centerpoint) — 8,500,000

SAN JUAN – Addition Hills | MIN BID
15. 3-Sty w/ 2-levels B'ment Resl T'hse/Unit-G,Goldlane Exec Hms # 208 Ortega cor L. Mencias Sts LA75 FA250 (nr Cardinal Santos Hosp) — 8,293,000

ANTIPOLO, RIZAL (Lots) | MIN BID
16 Lot/L27 B3, Brentwood St Pine City Exec.Vill,Brgy Balimbing LA 120 (nr Antipolo town proper) — 575,000
17 L 20 B 17, Jerusalem St. Palmera Hills,Ph-5,Brgy Uulan/LA 120 Via Tikling Junction & Melendres Subd) — 299,000
18. Res'l Lot / Lot 3 Block 6-A Salford St (nr cor Bristol St) Town & Country Est, Sta Cruz / LA-663 (along Sumulong Hi-way) — 4,416,000

MAKATI CITY - Kingswood Twr | MIN BID
P. Tamo cor V. Cruz Extn, near Shopwise
19 Condo /Unit 4-C, Twr B, 3BR, 2T/B & 1-Prkng slot FA 77/Prkng 12.5 (unit is facing V. Cruz Extn & Mkti CBD) — 3,425,000
20 Condo /Unit 14-E, Twr B, 3BR, 2T/B, maid's rm. FA 77 / Prkng 12.5 (unit is facing V. Cruz Extn & Mkti CBD) — 3,425,000
1656 Penafrancia cor D. Olman Sts. Valenzuela
21. Penthouse Condo w/ parking Kikusui Star Condo, Unit 5A / FA243 — 6,700,000

CAVITE – Dasmarinas, Salitran | MIN BID
22 2-Sty w/ Rfdeck H&L/L5&6 B5 Agustina Village / LA 388 FA 939 (nr Velmaris Schl & St. Angela Montessori) — 6,200,000

Orchard Res'l. Estates and Golf & Country Club - Salitran, Dasmarinas, Cavite
FAIRWAY LOT
23. Lot 46 Blk 50 / LA 630 — 2,394,000
NON - FAIRWAY LOT
24 Lot 35 Blk 37 / LA 687 — 2,061,000

CAVITE - Molino III, Bacoor | MIN BID
Madelaine Place, Springville Subd.
25 Lot / Lot 8 Blk 1 / LA 117 — 582,000
26 Lot / Lot 19 Blk 7 / LA 132 — 656,000
Central Phase 2, Springville Subd. (Lots)
27 L 4 B 1, near ClubHse / LA 122 — 861,000
28. L 5 B 1 near ClubHse / LA 232 — 1,636,000
Washington Manor, Springville Subd.
29 Lot / Lot 2 Blk 2 / LA 154 — 1,020,000

CAVITE – Carmona (Lot) | MIN BID
30 L 28 B 4, Ph 1, St. Andrew St Manila Southwoods,Cabilang Baybay LA 450 (near Gate 1) * w/ Court Decision in favor of Unionbank — 3,005,000
31 L16 B1 Grand Cypress Rd / LA1,224 — 6,577,000

MUNTINLUPA – Alabang | MIN BID
San Jose Vill. (infront of Alabang Town Cntr)
32. Lot / Lot 264 (Pcs 4946), St Joseph St / LA 526 * w/ Court Decision in favor of Unionbank — 3,810,000

TARLAC (via Hacienda Luisita) | MIN BID
33 2 Sty H&L / L 7 B 18, Family Park Homes, Brgy Cut-Cut II San Miguel / LA 62 / FA 40 — 230,000

NUEVA ECIJA - Cab. City | MIN BID
529 Pag Asa, Daan Sarili (near LTO)
34 Lot / Lot 3 A 4 / LA 1,847 — 401,000
35 Lot / Lot 3 A 3 / LA 1,848 — 401,000

BULACAN – Plaridel | MIN BID
Brgy. Lalangan - Plaridel Heights
36 Cor Lot / L 2 B 47, LA 355 — 1,243,000
37 Cor Lot / L 2 B 38, LA 411 — 1,439,000

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LAS PINAS - Brgy. Talon-IV | MIN BID
38 Lot/L2 B1,Chrysanthemum St Hansuyin Vill / LA 361 (via Marcos Alvarez Ave & nr SM Las Pinas) — 1,661,000

CAINTA, RIZAL - San Andres | MIN BID
39 2 Sty Townhouse / Unit 7G (Psd-04-090767) Berlyn Gardens T'hse, Greenwoods Exec Village LA75, FA110 (via Tramo & Sandoval Ave) — 1,383,000

BATANGAS | MIN BID
40 Lot/L7 B2,Driftwood Lane,Tali Beach,Balaytigue,Nasugbu/LA 642 (near Punta Fuego Subd Resort) — 2,190,000
41. Res'l T'Hse / L24 B22, Bristle Cone St, Phase 1, Brgy San Gregorio Laurel / LA 200,FA 127 (near SMC Training Center) — 4,318,000
42 Cor Lot/L12 B2,Coral Shores Layug Subd, Bagong Silang Calatagan (beach front) / LA 1,858 — 6,450,000

PAMPANGA – Angeles City | MIN BID
43 Resl / Comml Lot w/ Warehse Lots 2&4 (Pcs-03-000899) # 262 Friendship H-way Riverside Subd Brgy Anunas/LA477,FA450 (nr SM Clark) — 3,540,000

TAGAYTAY CITY | MIN BID
Tagaytay Highlands – Pine Crest Condo.
44 Resl Condo Unit w/ prkng slot Unit 2310, 3rd flr , / FA 97 — 7,015,000
45 Resl Condo Unit w/ prkng slot Unit 2309, 3rd flr , / FA 97 — 8,050,000
nr Tagaytay-Sta. Rosa,Lag.Rd.& across Divine of Charity
46 Lot / Lot 2B1,Tagaytay-Calamba Rd, San Francisco / LA 1,171 (over looking Taal Lake) — 11,000,000
between Sta. Rosa, Lag. Shot-cut & Aguinaldo H-way
47 Lot 8, Tagaytay Calamba Rd Tolentino West / LA 2,156 *w/ Lis Pendens / over looking Taal Lake — 20,000,000

Colina Subd – Sn Pedro, LAGUNA | MIN BID
Brgy Sn.Antonio (nr Toll gate & Filipinas Golf)
48 Lot / Lot 13 Blk 3 / LA 50 — 290,000
49 Lot / Lot 2 Blk 4 / LA 50 — 290,000
50 Cor. Lot / Lot 8 Blk 4 / LA 84 — 504,000
51 Cor Lot / Lot10 Blk 3 / LA 92 — 552,000

LA MAREA - Sn Pedro, LAGUNA | MIN BID
Near Sn Pedro Toll Gate – Sn Antonio
52 Lot / L 2 B 5, Ph 3 / LA 180 — 1,242,000
53 Lot / L 1 B 4 Ph 3 / LA 207 — 1,429,000

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PARANAQUE CITY | MIN BID
Dama De Noche St, United Indl. (UPS-IV) Sn Dionisio
54 Indl Lot w/ Warehouse / Lot 6-A LA 1,803 / FA 1,720 (near Leslie Food) — 16,345,000
Across Chinese Temple along Coastal Rd. Tambo
55 Comml Lot, L1 B5, Asiaworld City / LA 1,559 (near Marina) — 33,700,000
56 Comml Lot, L2 B5, Asiaworld City / LA 1,400 (nr Marina) — 32,200,000

PARANAQUE – San Dionisio | MIN BID
57. Lot-1-B & 1-C / Net LA-9,562 (back of SM Sucat & access) Beside Shell) w/ Lis Pendens / no right of way — 25,161,000

MUNTINLUPA CITY | MIN BID
58 Comml Condo Unit/Unit 1908, 19th flr, Richville Corporate Tower Alabang-Zapote Rd, Madrigal Bus Park, Alabang / FA-59 — 4,193,000

MAKATI CITY | MIN BID
Brgy. Pinagkaisahan, nr EDSA, Kalayaan & The Fort
59 Comm'l / Res'l Lot / L 16 B 14, # 3904 Quingua St/LA204 (beside Forbes Park) — 6,000,000
60 Comm'l / Res'l Lot / L 17 B 14, # 3904 Quingua St/LA204 (beside Forbes Park) — 6,000,000
61 Comm'l / Res'l Lot / L 18 B 14, # 3904 Quingua St/LA204 (beside Forbes Park) — 6,000,000
1656 Penafrancia cor D. Olman Sts. Valenzuela
62 Condo w/ prkng / Kikusui Star Condo, Unit G-A / FA 93 (on lease) — 3,100,000
63 Condo w/ prkng / Kikusui Star Condo Unit G-B / FA 85 (on lease) — 2,800,000
Millenium Plaza- Mkti. Ave cor Eduque St
64 Condo Unit / 5/F FA 261 (near former International Schl) — 17,765,000

QUEZON CITY – Libis | MIN BID
IBM Plaza,Eastwood City-beside Citibank
65 Office Condominium w/ parking Unit 8A / FA 166 — 8,900,000

QUEZON CITY | MIN BID
66 Building / Lots 8 & 9 Blk S 27 Timog Ave LA 1,380 FA 1,500 (nr Unionbank Timog Br & GMA-7) (with monthly Lease) — 70,000,000
67 W'house / 185 Roosevelt Ave S F Del Monte / LA 5,641 FA 3,454 (across Watch Twr) — 140,000,000

VALENZUELA CITY | MIN BID
68 Indl Lot w/ 2 Whses (14&16) Barracks, Canteen,Guardhse Lot 1075 D 1 C, Plastic City # 6 T. Santiago St, Canumay-West / LA 9,923 / FA 7,096 — 39,703,000
69 Industrial Lot / Lot 382 C Plastic City Housing,Canumay LA 25,798 (via T Santiago & Pinagbayanan Sts) — 45,000,000

CAVITE - Tanza, Bo. Tres Cruces | MIN BID
nr Transville Subd, via Trece Martires
70 Agri Lot / Lot-2931 (Rs-1273) LA 40,127 *w/ Adverse Claim & No Right Of Way — 5,000,000

TARLAC CITY – Poblacion | MIN BID
Panganiban St. - across Iceplant
71 Lot / Lot 4 A 1 / LA 373 — 5,390,000
72 Lot / Lot 4 A 2 / LA 373 — 5,390,000

NUEVA ECIJA - Cab. City | MIN BID
529 Pag-Asa, Daan Sarili (near L.T.O.)
73 Agri Lot / Lot 3B / LA 37,041 — 2,366,000
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Notice hereby given that the estate of the late Chua Kok Hiong a.k.a. PHILIP UY was extrajudcially settled among his heirs as per Doc. No.35 Page No.8 Book No.531 Series of 2006 of notary public Lucila Lawas-Yutok of Pasig City
(PDI - Oct. 8, 15 & 22, 2006)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late PILAR JIMENEZ DE SILVA was extrajudicially settled with waiver among her heirs as per Doc. No. 295; Page No. 59; Book No. 10; Series of 2006 before Notary Public Atty. Ferdinand M. Corpuz
(PDI-Sept 24, Oct 1 & 8,2006)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late CATHERINE TUCAY ANDRADA was settled extrajudicially among her heirs before Notary Public Daniel Balanoba of Quezon City as per Doc. No. 24 Page No. 6 Book No. 120 Series of 2006
(PDI-Oct. 8, 15 & 22, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF BRIGIDA SAN JUAN OMAÑA HAS BEEN EXTRAJUDICIALLY SETTLED, AMONG HER HEIRS AS PER DOC-193 PAGE 40 BOOK 28 SERIES OF 2006 BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. NESTOR C. CRUZ OF CAINTA, RIZAL (PDI-10/1, 8, 15, '06)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE CONCEPCION M. CRUZ OF MARIKINA CITY HAS BEEN EXTRAJUDIALLY SETTLED AMONG HER HEIRS PER DOC. #131, PAGE 27, BOOK 104, SERIES OF 2006 BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC JOSE L. STA. ANA. (PDI-OCT 8,15 & 22, 2006)

NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that Ayala Corp. Stock Cert. No. CS-051853 with 480 shares and Stock Cert. No. CS-051854 with 460 shares both issued to JOCELYN L. CHAN were lost. If no contest received, new certificates will be issued.
(PDI-Sept. 24, Oct. 1 & 8, 2006)

Notice is hereby given that ORIENTAL PETROLEUM CORP. Stock Certificate 17510;28532;6899 for 909967 shares issued to CARMEN S. QUIAMBAO were lost.If no contest received new certificates will be issued.
(PDI- Oct. 1,8 &15,2006)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

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Integration Services and Rental of Audio, Lighting & Audio Visual Equipment including detailed engineering plans & design, aesthetics, installation & operation at the Shangri-La Mactan Island & Resort Hotel, Portofino Structural Tents, Cebu International Convention Center & Gala Night for the 12th ASEAN Summit in Cebu.

1. Completion Time
   On or before November 27, 2006
2. Approved Budget for the Contract: Php 60,000,000.00
   Source of Funding: ASEAN Fund

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last three (3) years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification, and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed as follows:

Activities	Date	Time	Place
1) Issuance of Bid Documents	Sept. 30, 2006	10:00 AM	PBS-RTVM
2) Pre-Bidding Conference	Oct. 13, 2006	10:00 AM	PBS-RTVM
3) Last Day of Submission and Opening of Bids	Oct. 25, 2006	10:00 AM	PBS-RTVM

Bid Documents including details of specification will be available at the PBS-RTVM Procurement Section of the Admin & Finance Division (c/o Mr. Cyrus M. Reputana) Tel. Nos. 734-5681/735-6187 to prospective bidders only upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Php 3,000.00 to the Presidential Broadcast Staff-RTVM Cashier.

The Presidential Broadcast Staff-RTVM assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

Approved by:

(Sgd.) **MELBA B. ALIGAEN**
BAC Chairman

(PDI - October 8, 2006)

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ERRATUM

Bidding for the Supply and Delivery of Personal Computers and Printers

For the information and guidance of the prospective bidders for the supply and delivery of Personal Computers and Printers, item 3.4 of Bid Bulletin No. 1 issued on October 3, 2006 should read as follows:

3.4) For Lot 2, adoptor or converter from USB to parallel port is acceptable.

Further, be advised that the new schedule of submission of bid documents will be on October 18, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. and opening of bids will be at 2:00 p.m. of the same day.

Issued this 6th day of October 2006.

(Sgd.) PEDRO S. HERNANDO, JR.
Deputy Administrator and BAC Chairperson

(PDI – October 6, 2006)

NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that stock certificates nos. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of **Manpower Resources of Asia, Inc.** (the "Corporation") issued in the names of the following stockholders:

Issued to	Date Issued	Stock cert. No.	No. of Shares
Rene E. Cristobal	April 6, 1988	01	1,666
Luzviminda B. Laman	April 6, 1988	02	1,665
Jorge L. Dumatol	April 6, 1988	03	1,665
Noel A. Laman	April 6, 1988	04	2
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Rene E. Cristobal	April 26, 2006	014	3,332
Luzviminda B. Laman	April 26, 2006	015	3,332
Jorge L. Dumatol	April 26, 2006	016	3,332
Noel A. Laman	April 6, 2006	017	2
Paulino C. Petralba	April 26, 2006	018	2
Rene E. Cristobal	April 27, 2006	019	3,333
Luzviminda B. Laman	April 27, 2006	020	3,334
Jorge L. Dumatol	April 27, 2006	021	3,333

evidencing their ownership of shares of the Corporation were inadvertently lost. After the expiration of one (1) year from the date of the last publication of this Notice, the Corporation shall cancel in its book said stock certificates which have been lost, and replacement stock certificates shall be issued in lieu thereof, unless the stockholders post a bond in such amount as may be satisfactory to the Board, in which case, new stock certificates may be issued even before the expiration of the one (1) year period.

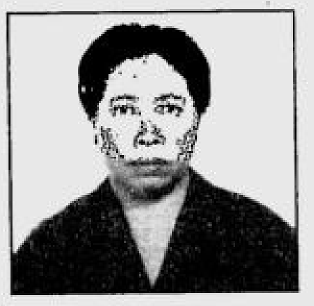
(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA L. SALIPSIP**
Corporate Secretary
Manpower Resources of Asia, Inc.

(PDI – Sept. 24 & Oct. 1 & 8, 2006)

PHILAM LIFE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public is hereby notified that Ms. Grace F. Sixto whose picture and address appear below has ceased to represent The Philippine American Life and General Insurance Company or PHILAMLIFE in any capacity whatsoever in view of the termination of her agency contract effective July 31, 2006.



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(PDI - October 8, 2006)

PASEGURUHAN NG MGA NAGLILINGKOD SA PAMAHALAAN
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Financial Center, Pasay City, Metro Manila 1308

PHYSICAL RESOURCES DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID

The GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM invites all interested parties to submit sealed proposals for the sale of motor vehicles, unserviceable/obsolete computers and printers, office equipment, furniture and used records located at the GSIS Pasay City and Makati City building on "AS IS , WHERE IS" basis to be conducted on October 16, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. at the Physical Resources Lounge, Level I, Core B, New GSIS Headquarters Bldg., Pasay City.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	MIN. BID
A. One(1)	Nissan Urvan, mdl. 2000, plate no. WKB-541	GSIS, Pasay City	420,000.00
B. One(1)	Toyota Crown, mdl. 1993 . plate no. SEG-610	-do-	144,000.00
C. One (1) Lot	59 Obsolete/Unserviceable Cellular phones	-do-	36,072.00
D. One (1) Lot	Unserviceable/Obsolete computer equipment (CPUs, Monitors, printers, keyboards) Estimated at 7,830 kilos, more or less	-do-	245,079.00 or 31.30/ kilo
E. One (1) Lot	Consisting of the following unserviceable/ Obsolete office equipment and waste materials such as typewriters, fax machines refrigerators, lateral/ storage/ vault/ index, cabinets, calculators . copying machines, fingerscans, diskette box, tel. apparatus, table lamps, airpots , calculators, attache cases, batteries, elect. fans, cash boxes, staplers, perforators, AVR, ups, scanners	-do-	81,740.00
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Sealed Bids shall be accompanied by a refundable cash bid securities equivalent to 10% of the total amount of bid. Manager's, cashier's or certified checks shall be accepted as cash

The GSIS/PRDC reserves the right to reject any or all offers, to waive any defect/s or informality of the offers received, to accept the offer most advantageous to the System; and does not guarantee that an award will be made. The decision of the GSIS/PRDC in this regard shall be final and binding.

(Sgd.) **ARNALDO C. CUASAY**
Sr. Vice President, Administration and
Chairperson, PRDC

(PDI–Oct. 7 & 8, 2006)

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Initiated by the International College of Dentists (ICD) Philippine Section as part of its community development project with the support of PAGCOR and fellow Elmer Bangloy, the artesian well donation, christened "Poso ng Dentista," was formally turned over to the school by the ICD delegation. Shown (left photo) Dr. Hermogenes Villareal cites the benefits of the "poso" before students and residents in Indang II, while (right photo) shows Dr. Villareal tries his hand at the "poso" together with his colleagues and school officials sample the first gush of water from the well.

OBITUARIES

REMEDIOS "Remy" GERONIMO VEGA

Rested in the arms of her Creator and peacefully joined her loving parents Carlos and Cresencia Vega, on September 29, 2006 in New York City.

The cheerful graduate of the University of Sto. Tomas and the University of Chicago enjoyed her 36-year career as a valued and specialized dietician at the Bernard M. Fineson Developmental Disabilities Center in Howard Beach and Douglaston.

From a two-day wake in Elmhurst, New York, her relatives and friends in the Philippines may visit her at Chapel 1, Enriquez Funeral Parlor, F. Tañedo St., Tarlac City. As she was called to her final home, she is remembered by brothers, **Dr. Jesus** and **Ramon**; sisters **Lorenza** and **Sr. Crescilde**, SSpS; cousins, nephews, and nieces.

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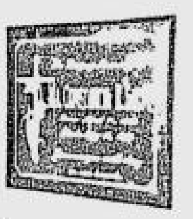

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ENGR. ALFONSO PADUA

*Son of the late **Dr. Regino G. Padua** and **Maestra Isabel Padua** died in London last August 30, 2006 in the good graces of His Divine Mercy.*

His loving wife **Rose Lopez** and children **Dolly, Baby, Bess, Jonathan** and **Eric**, their spouses and children; surviving brothers and sisters: **Ceferino, Benjamin, Remedios** (†), **Amelita, Zaida, Evelyn** (†) their spouses and children;

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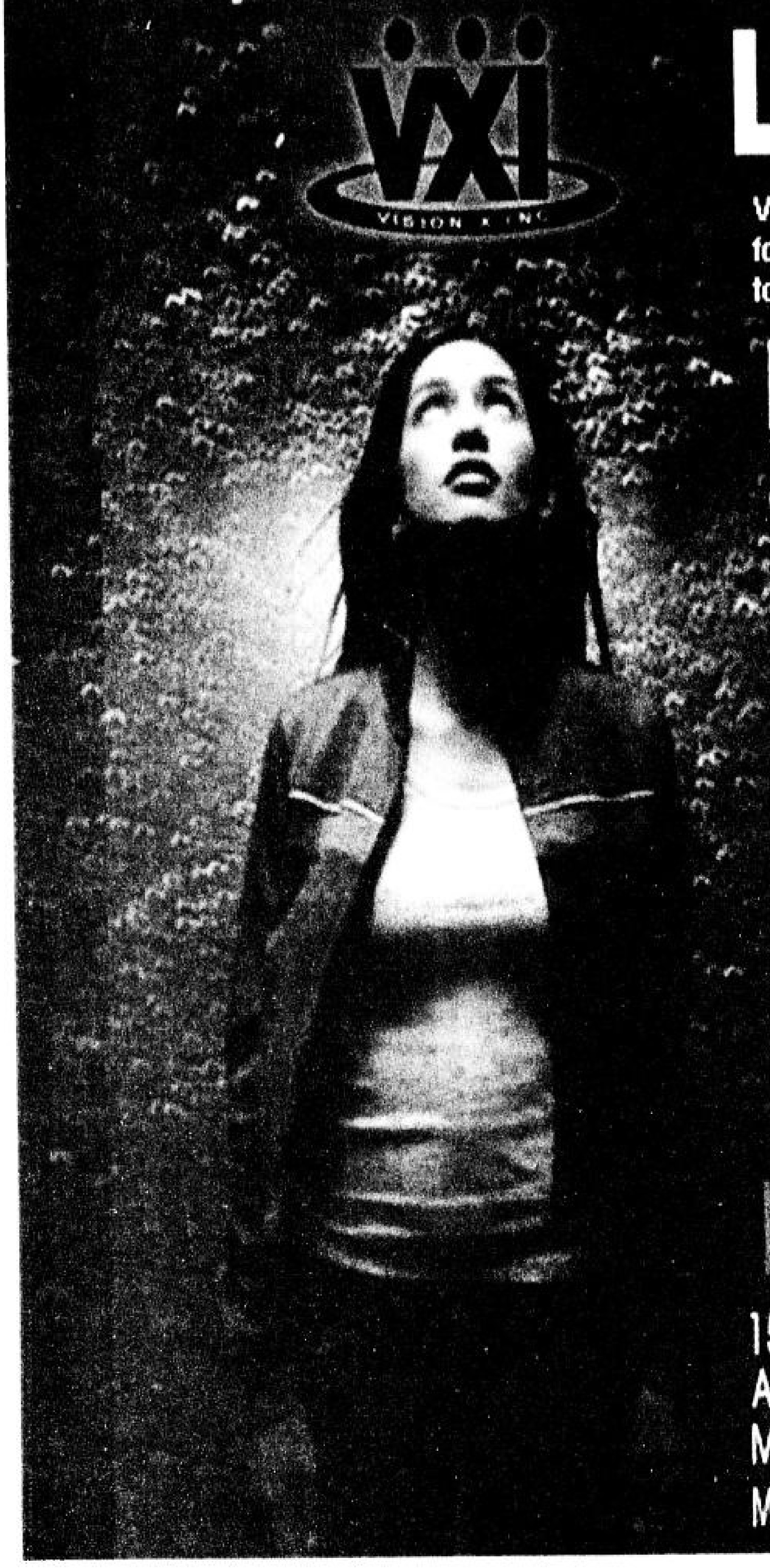

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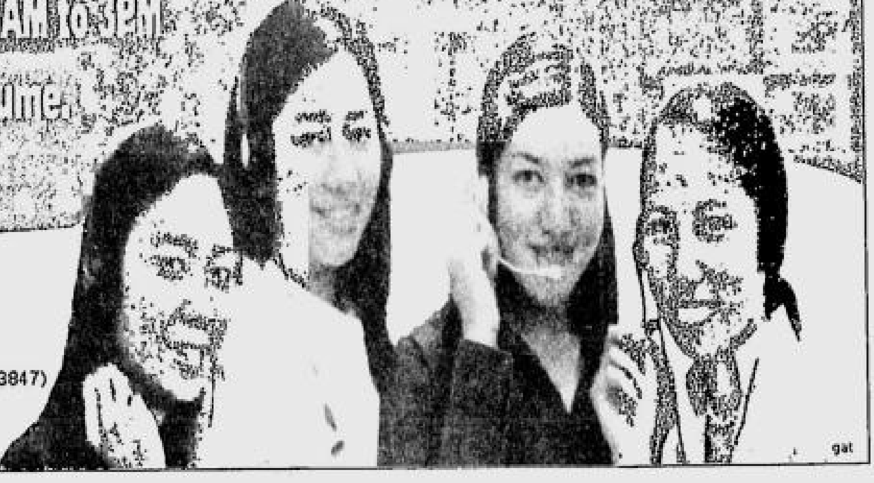

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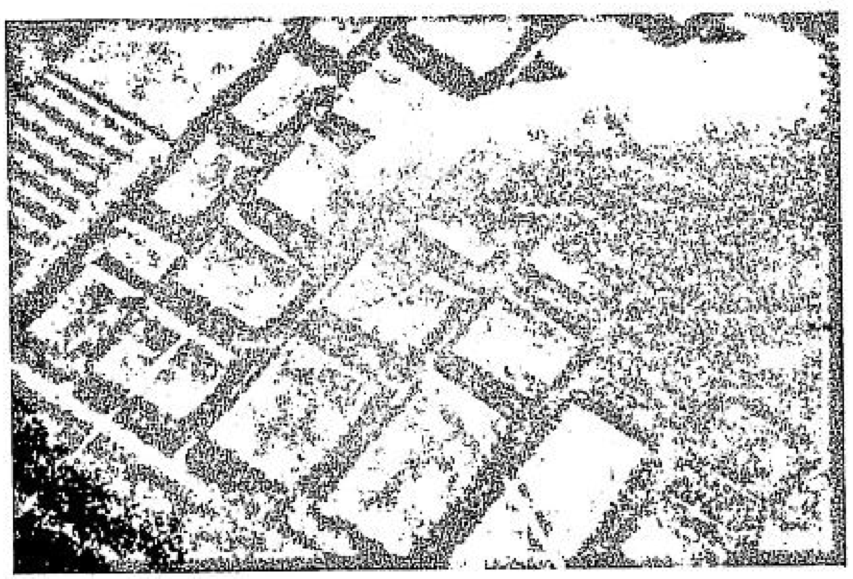

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- College degree holder in Accounting or Business course
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- Knowledge of MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint

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QUALIFICATIONS:

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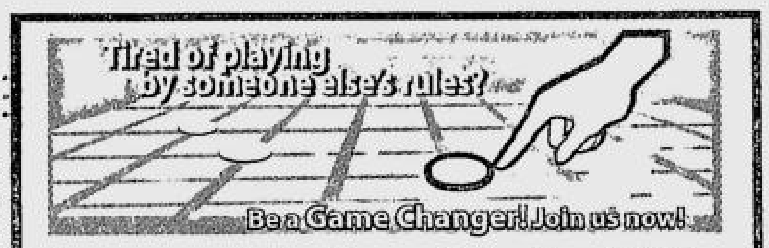
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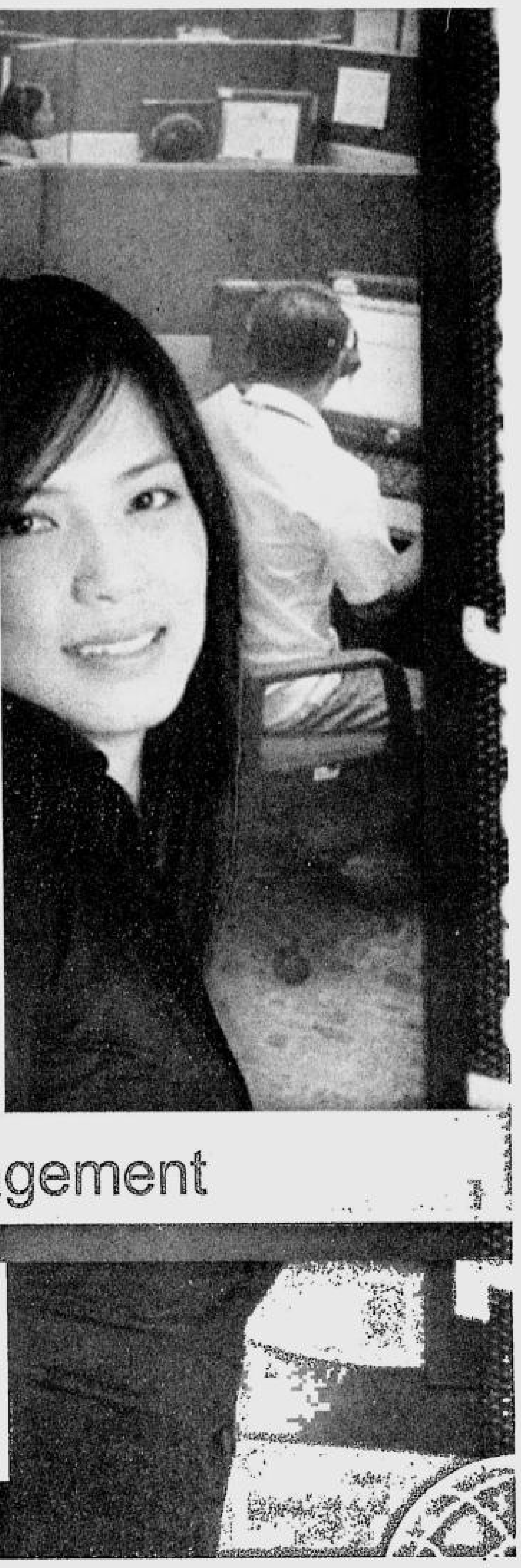

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- With good moral character, good human relations skills and pleasing personality.
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The Table Games Pit Managers will at times be the most senior gaming person within the area and as such are required to exercise judgment in relation to immediate Table Games customers' needs, resolution of disputes and game integrity. This is a hands-on role and high visibility on the floor is expected.

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For the above two positions, you should possess the following:

- Solid knowledge of the Gaming industry and must have worked at a supervisory level or above understanding the requirements for VIP Gaming
- Experience in Asian gaming markets highly desirable
- Cantonese language preferred but not essential
- Strong written and verbal communication
- Proven customer focus
- Strong team player
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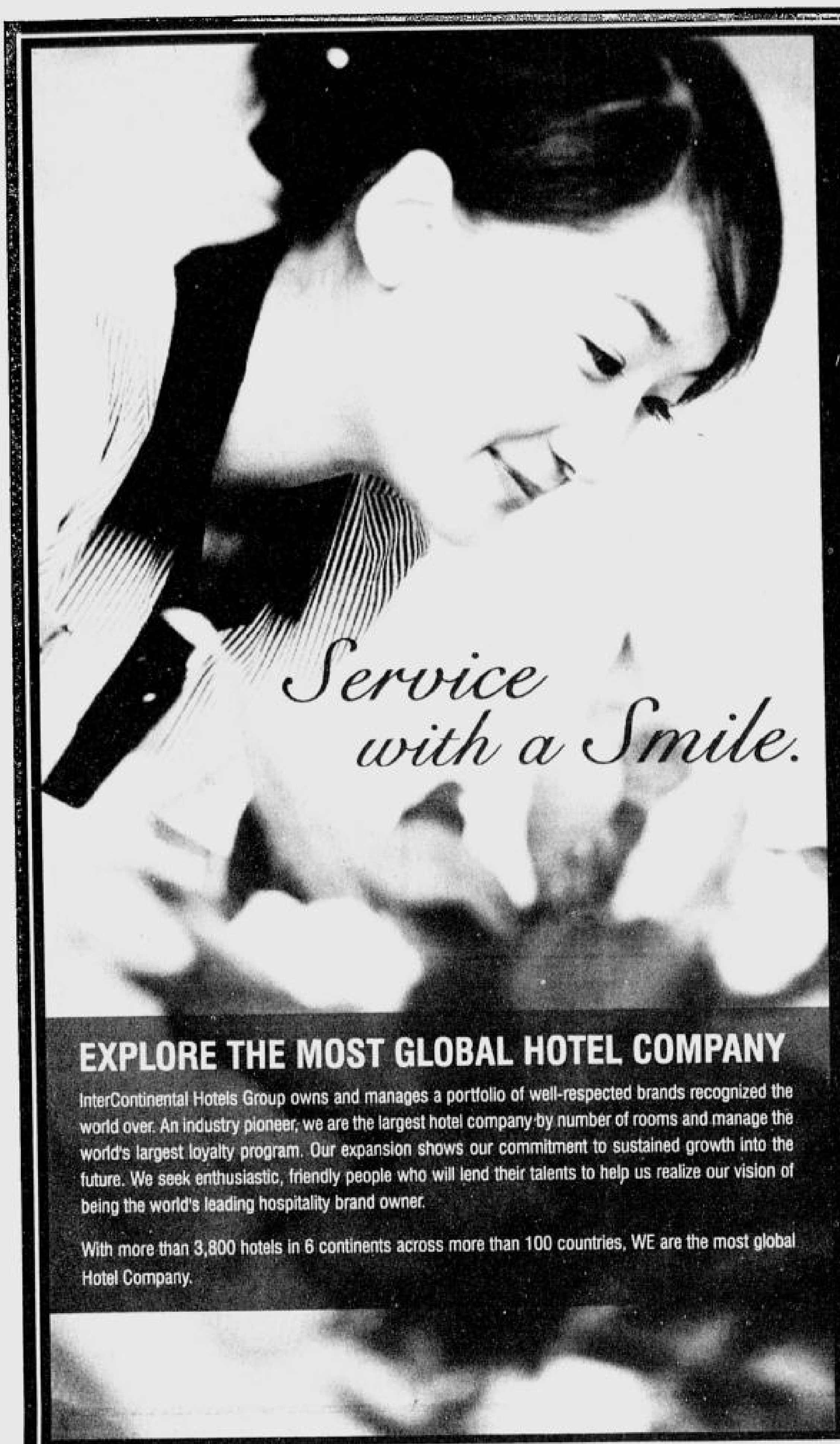

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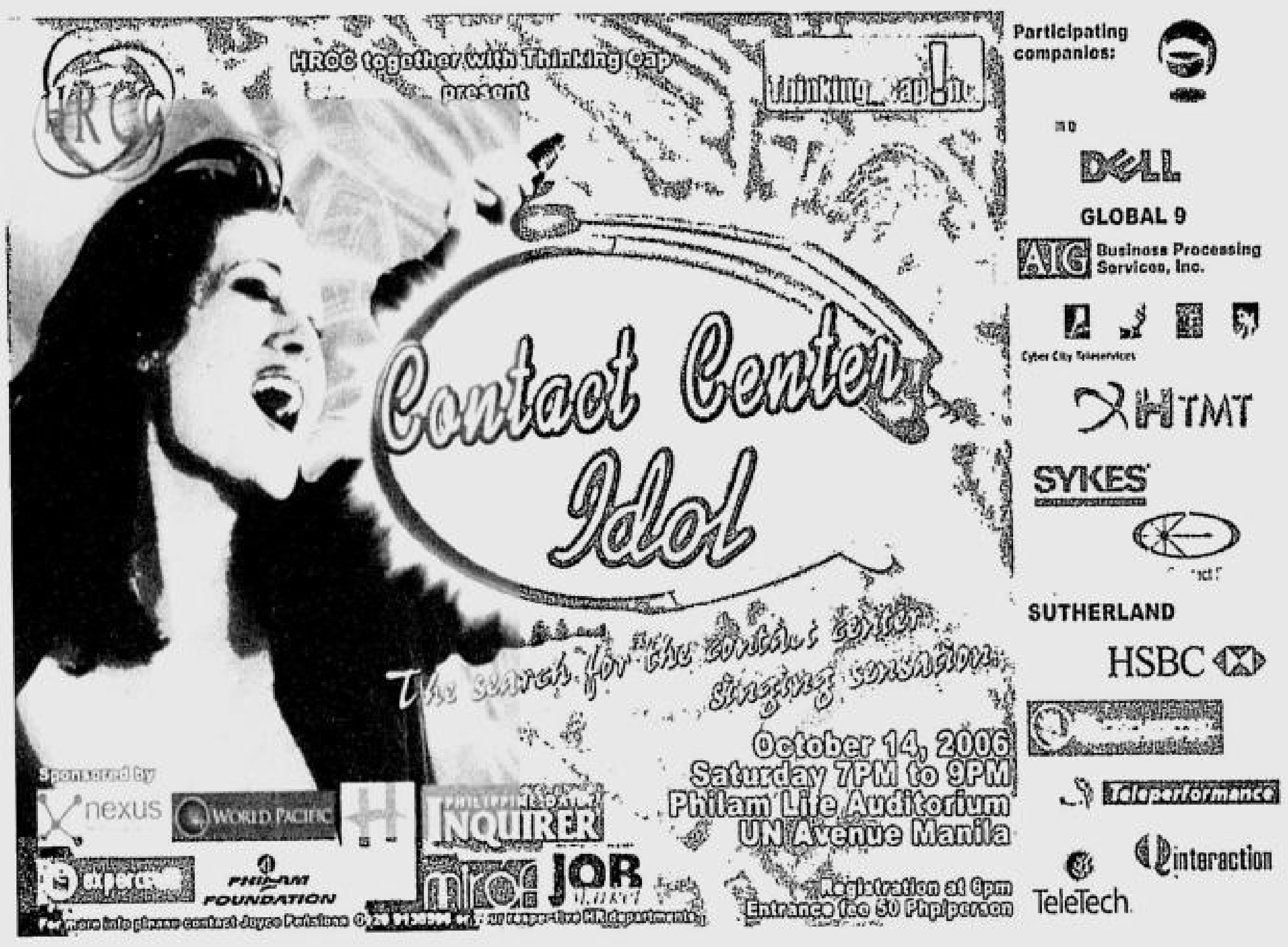

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PMAP conference draws 1158 delegates

EMERICO O. DE GUZMAN, PRESIDENT of the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP) and senior partner of the ACCRA Law Offices, said the attendance of over 1000 delegates during its annual conference affirmed PMAP's leading role in human resource management in the country.

The 1000 plus conference delegates, coming from all over the Philippines, joined PMAP's celebration of its fiftieth year at the Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila, Ortigas Center, last Sept. 27 to 29. The conference theme focused on the creation of heroes and valuable players in the workplace.

De Guzman expressed elation at the launch of a new PMAP book during the association's golden anniversary. The book, entitled People Management in the Philippines: Real Stories of Excellence, features different paths taken by fourteen companies toward success. Readers are sure to gather insights and inspiration from the book, De Guzman said. The stories are neatly integrated through a model that connects paradigms, principles, and practices, he added.

David Ulrich's presentation, via videoconferencing, on how HR adds value to organizations was a major highlight of the conference. Ulrich's huge video image and voice relayed from California were crystal clear. Ulrich, one of the world's leading management thinkers, exchanged pleasantries and answered several questions at the end of his talk.

Manila Water, winner of the coveted Employer of the Year Award, received its plaudits amid heart-warming congratulations during the annual conference. Manila Water, De Guzman stressed, showed how leadership and strategy can transform an ordinary government agency into a well-performing organization, benefiting both employees and society.

Music and art punctuated PMAP's golden anniversary. An art exhibit opened on the first day of the conference. Jolina Magdangal and Jed Madela spiced the opening ceremonies while the APO Hiking Society, Spirit of '67 Band, Nina and Nyoy Volante, and Audie Gemora wowed participants during the gala night held on the final day of the conference.

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My boss made advances toward me—what should I do?

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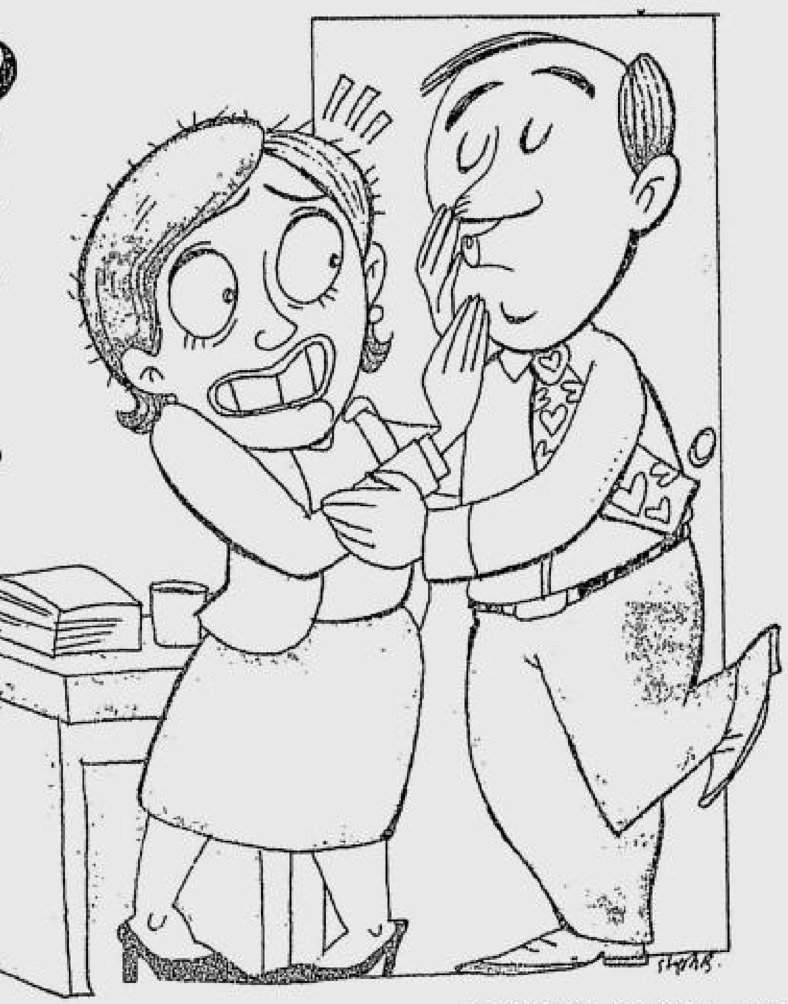

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I'M 29 YEARS OLD, MARried with one child. A graduate of BS Education, I applied to and was taken by a government agency where I worked in the department headed by one of the most admired and most respected men in the agency. I was flattered that he had a fatherly attitude towards me. He told me that I am like a daughter to him and that he saw many potentials in me to enable me to advance in my career and be like him. He mentored me and I came to know so many technical things because of his great teaching skills. He proudly showed me off as his protégé. Because of his outstanding evaluation of my performance, I was promoted twice in three years, something that became a cause of envy among my co-employees.

One late afternoon, he called me to his office. I was surprised when I opened the door that he was behind it. As I entered, he locked the door, embraced me tight and kissed me. I pushed him away and ran out. This caught the attention of his secretary and perhaps others. I was so shocked; I hurriedly picked up my things and left the office. I took a sick leave. Now I'm back but I feel tensed and uneasy. He had not called me to apologize nor given me any task to do since I returned.

I want to transfer to another department but cannot do so without telling the truth about what he did which could be a cause of a sexual harassment case against him. I don't want to resign because I will have to tell my husband, who is the jealous type, and who will surely not only kill him but might even suspect me of having invited the sexual harassment unconsciously. I'm not sure if I ever want to work with my boss again since I don't trust him anymore. Our relationship is strained unless I tolerate advances which I definitely will not because it is against my conscience and my values.What shall I do?

Ms Harassed

You have ruled out seeking a transfer to another department and resigning from the government agency. You want to protect the image of your boss who had been your mentor and coach yet you also want to uphold your dignity and live according to your values. You are angry at him for betraying your trust; yet, you are grateful for the way he had mentored and coached you, and given you a boost in your career. I suggest that you have a talk and level with him. Prepare a script of what you will say so that you will be able to deliver a complete message, choose assertive words, and have self-confidence in delivering your message.

The following is a suggested script:

1. Sir, what you did to me completely shocked me. I never thought of you doing that to me because I've looked up to you and respect you, not only as my mentor but also as a father.

2. Because of my gratitude to you for having developed me and for advancing my career, I have told no one about what you did, Sir. Hence, I have not sought a transfer to another department nor resigned to avoid a scandal.

3. Sir, if you wish for me to continue to work in your department, please do not do that again because I'm not one who will tolerate it even if I owe my career advancement to you. We are both married persons. I for one don't want to be unfaithful to my husband and commit a sin against God and against him.

I also want to retain my self-respect and my respect for you.

4. If you do it again, Sir, much to my regret, I'll be forced to resign. Then I will have to tell my husband who might retaliate.

Refine your script. Then practice saying it so that you will deliver it confidently. If you ask me if you can e-mail your message, my answer is no. It might fall into the wrong hands. Or, he may not be able to read your e-mail. If you want to print your message, do so but give it to him in person. Then you are sure he gets it. The advantage of a face-to-face encounter is that your tone of voice and facial expression can enhance the delivery of the message. You also get instant response instead of wondering if he got the message at all and what his reaction is.

I admire you for your integrity and for living according to your values. God bless you.

(Josie O. Santamaria is a professional psychologist, counselor, coach and trainer. She is the president of Career Systems, Inc., a management and human resource training development company. E-mail your reactions to her career advice to carsys@careersystem.com.ph.)

What is sexual harassment?

WORK, EDUCATION OR TRAINING-RELATED SEXUAL harassment is committed by an employer, employee, manager, supervisor, agent of the employer, teacher, instructor, professor, coach, trainor, or any other person who, having authority, influence or moral ascendancy over another in a work or training or education environment, demands, requests or otherwise requires any sexual favor from the other, regardless of whether the demand, request or requirement for submission is accepted.

How is sexual harassment committed?

In a work-related or employment environment, sexual harassment is committed when:

- The sexual favor is made as a condition in the hiring or in the employment, reemployment or continued employment of said individual, or in granting said individual favorable compensation, terms, conditions, promotions, or privileges; or the refusal to grant the sexual favor results in limiting, segregating or classifying the employee which in any way would discriminate, deprive or diminish employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect said employee.
- The above acts would impair the employee's rights or privileges under existing labor laws.
- The above acts would result in an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment for the employee.

In an education or training environment, sexual harassment is committed:

- Against one who is under the care, custody or supervision of the offender.
- Against one whose education, training, apprenticeship or tutorship is entrusted to the offender.
- When the sexual favor is made a condition to the giving of a passing grade, or the granting of honors and scholarships or the payment of a stipend, allowance or other benefits, privileges, or considerations.
- When the sexual advances result in an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment for the student, trainee or apprentice.

What are the forms of sexual harassment?

Under the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Act (AO 250), sexual harassment may be committed in any of the following:

- Overt sexual advances.
- Unwelcome or improper gestures of affection.
- Request or demand for sexual favors including but not limited to going out on dates, outings or the like for the same purpose.
- Any other act or conduct of a sexual nature or for purposes of sexual gratification which is generally annoying, disgusting or offensive to the victim.

Who are liable other than the sexual harasser?

- Any person who directs or induces another to commit any act of sexual harassment as herein defined, or who cooperates in the commission thereof by another without which it would not have been committed, shall also be held liable under this act.
- The employer or head of office, educational or training institution shall be solidarily liable for damages arising from the acts of sexual harassment committed in the employment, education or training environment if the employer or head of office, educational or training institution is informed of such acts by the offended party and no immediate action is taken thereon.

What are the penalties?

Any person who violates the provisions of the act shall, upon conviction, be penalized by imprisonment of not less than one month nor more than six months, or a fine of not less than P10,000 nor more than P20,000, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Prescription of crime

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REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

Working blamelessly

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

ONE ROOT CAUSE OF DISSATISFACTION WITH ONE'S job is lack of faith. I could imagine cynics sneering at this, saying "Aw, come on! What has faith got to do with salaries, workers' benefits, labor laws.?" But note that I say "root cause." While we can name a host of other causes, as the above mentioned, lack of faith resides in our very core, deep, deep, deep, inside of our being. Because it's hidden we tend to take it for granted, but it is so fundamental, at the root of all our satisfactions and dissatisfactions, so confidential a matter—between ourselves and who or what we believe to be God—and that is why we alone can direct its power in our affairs, especially at the workplace.

We cannot always have things working our way—salary raises, fringe benefits, the use of our time, our working conditions, the facilities we need to work, etc.---almost always ultimately depend on the judgment or decision of others, but we do have full control of our responses to the situation and to our coworkers. If undesirable conditions at work make us miserable, we can send poison text messages to the boss, go on strike, and blame others, but the creative response would be to see the limiting conditions as a challenge to our resourcefulness, flexibility and "response-ability."

If you're really in touch with your center, you will see how smart Jesus is and make Him your work-adviser. Today He reminds us of two values very useful in the workplace: innocence and faith. If we long for job satisfaction, like innocent children we can keep on doing our work blamelessly in spite of provocations or temptations around us, and believe that our Father who sees everything also knows what to do with the mess. Our faith in His power turns the promised satisfaction into a reality. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

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Gospel Mk. 10: 2-16

"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

Work for generations

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT REASONS FOR ALmost everyone to work and work hard is the good of the children and perhaps even the benefit of the children's children. Working for the children is very human, something which comes from the very nature of a human being. It is also divine—something which God desires and even rewarding of a heavenly life—as clearly expressed in today's Gospel verse focus. The good future of the young ones and the promise of an everlasting reward are real job motivators for those workers who have a positive outlook on everything in life. Unfortunately, there are those who are so pre-occupied with the work itself and the material, temporal and physical aspects of working that they fail to see the beautiful but unseen side of the world of work.

That is why it is very important that the workplace, I believe, should provide some convincing signs of these invisible but true elements of work and life. The management itself must be the very first to be aware of this and be convinced that profit is not the overall purpose of the business or company. It should consider that the real profit to be expected is the total welfare of everyone in the company, and even that of their present and future dependents. How the future generations will be affected by the business or the company operations should be a fundamental part of the management activities and responsibilities. Sharing this view with the workers would be a great challenge.

The workers, however, who would see the values of the management and its efforts to be consistent with company's transcendent goals, would easily align their minds and would readily work so that their children's good and future will be assured. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

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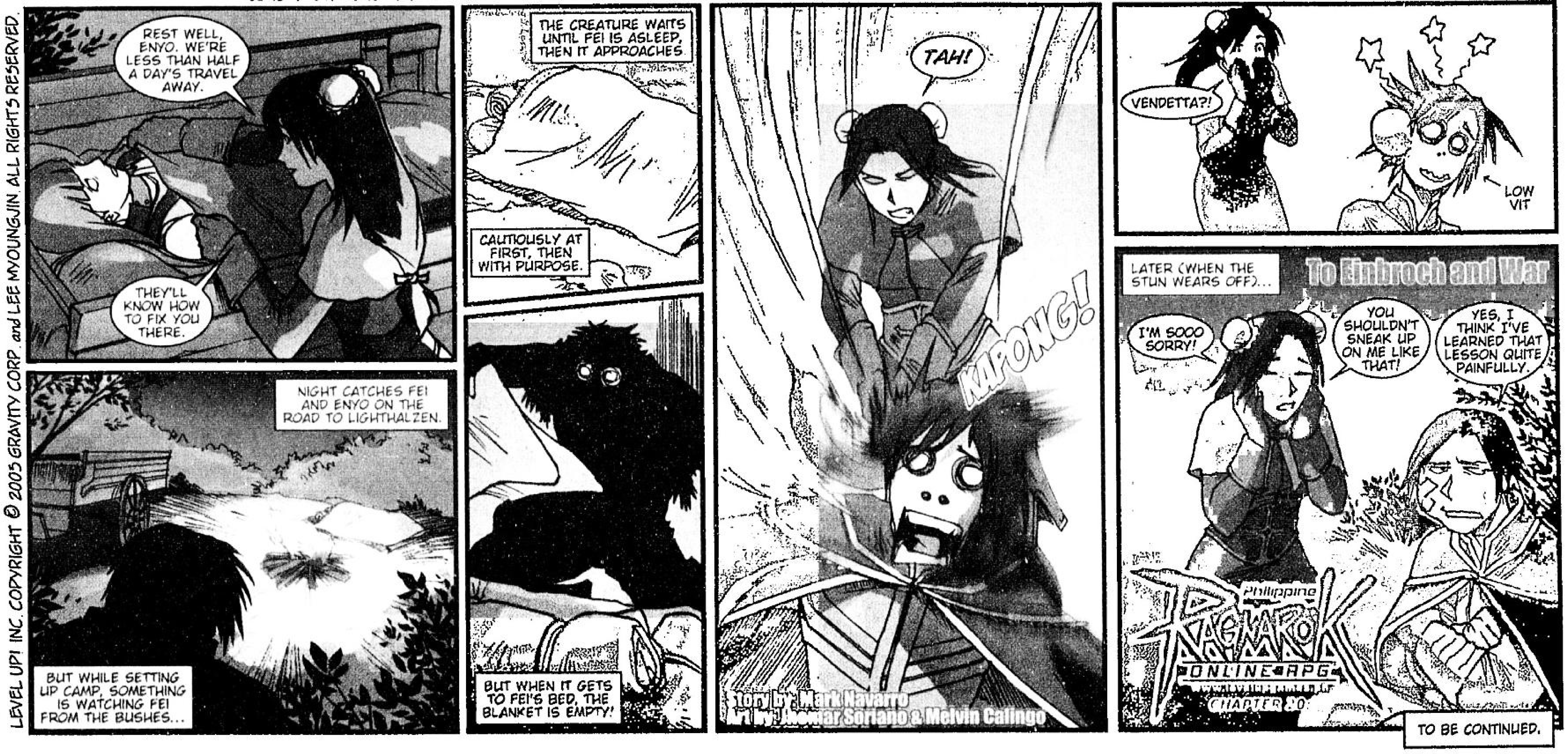
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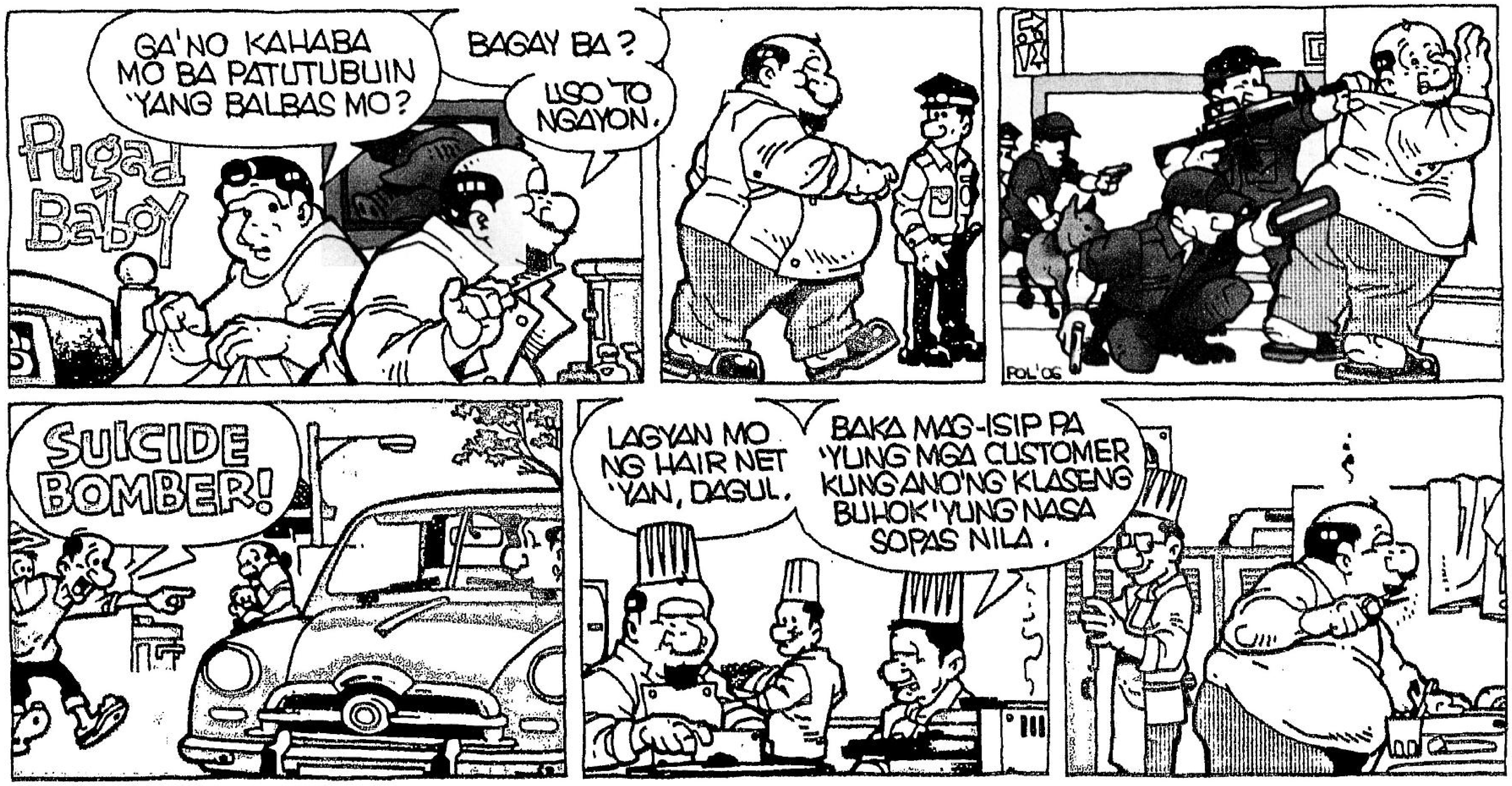
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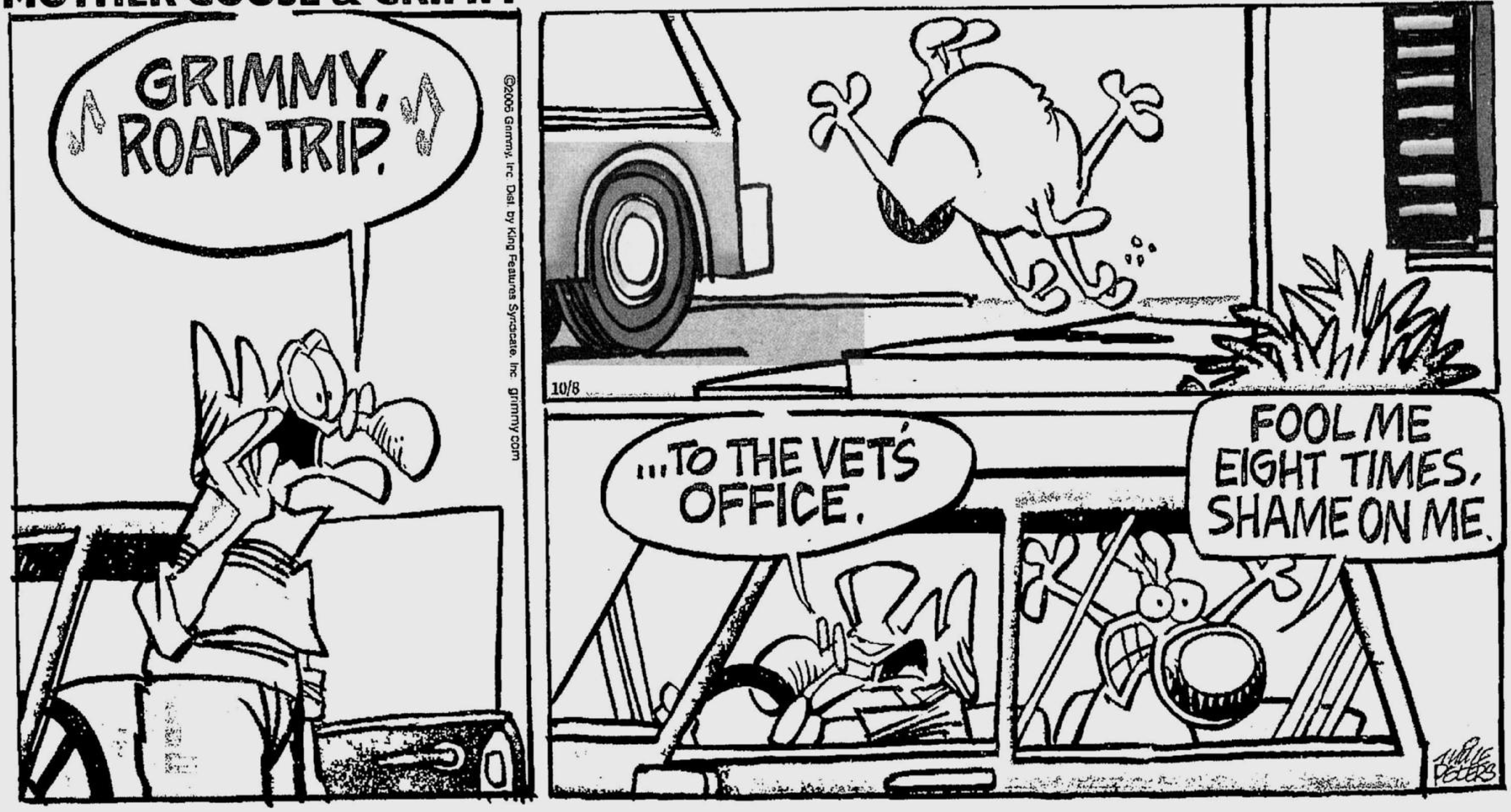
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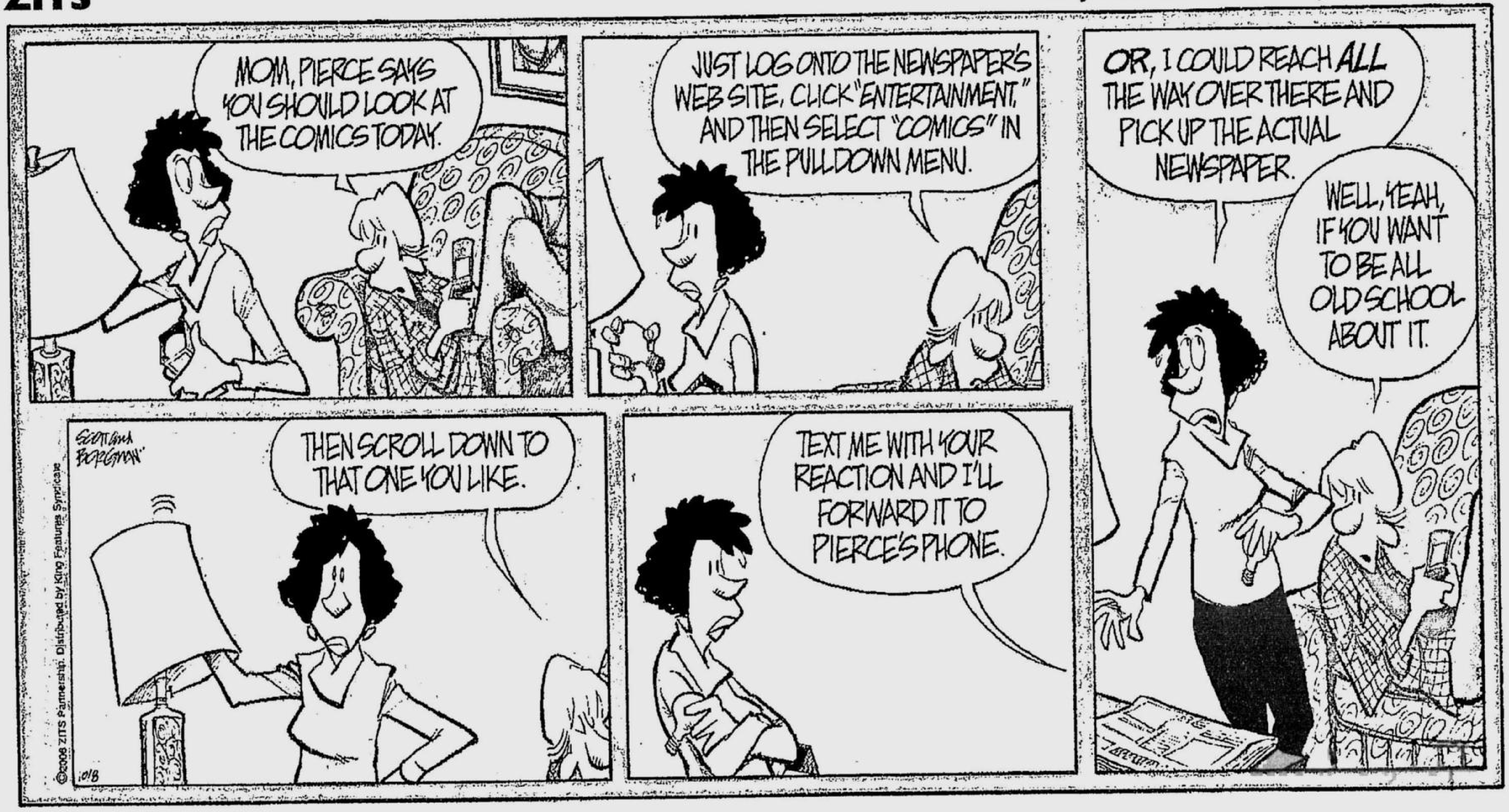
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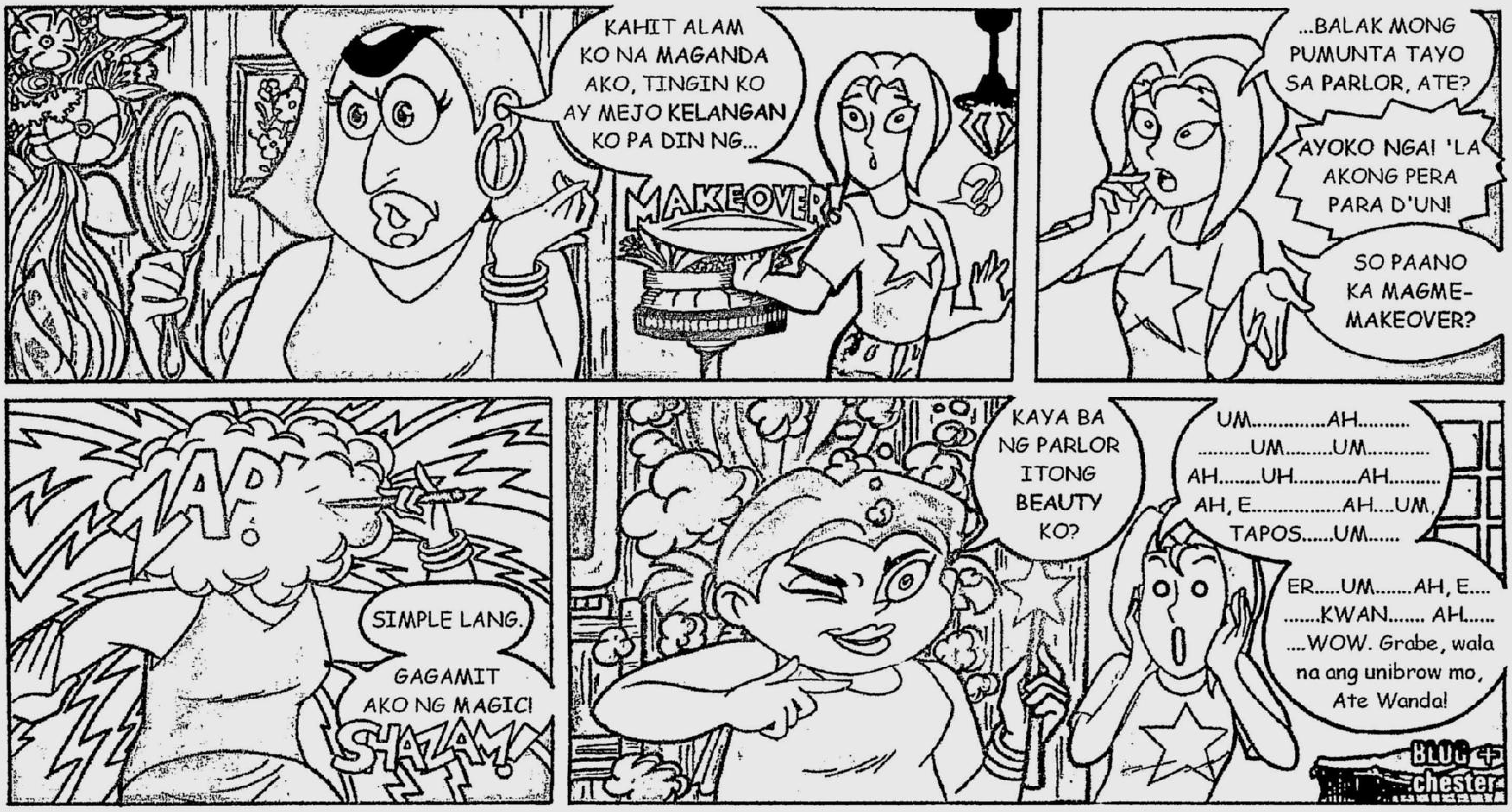
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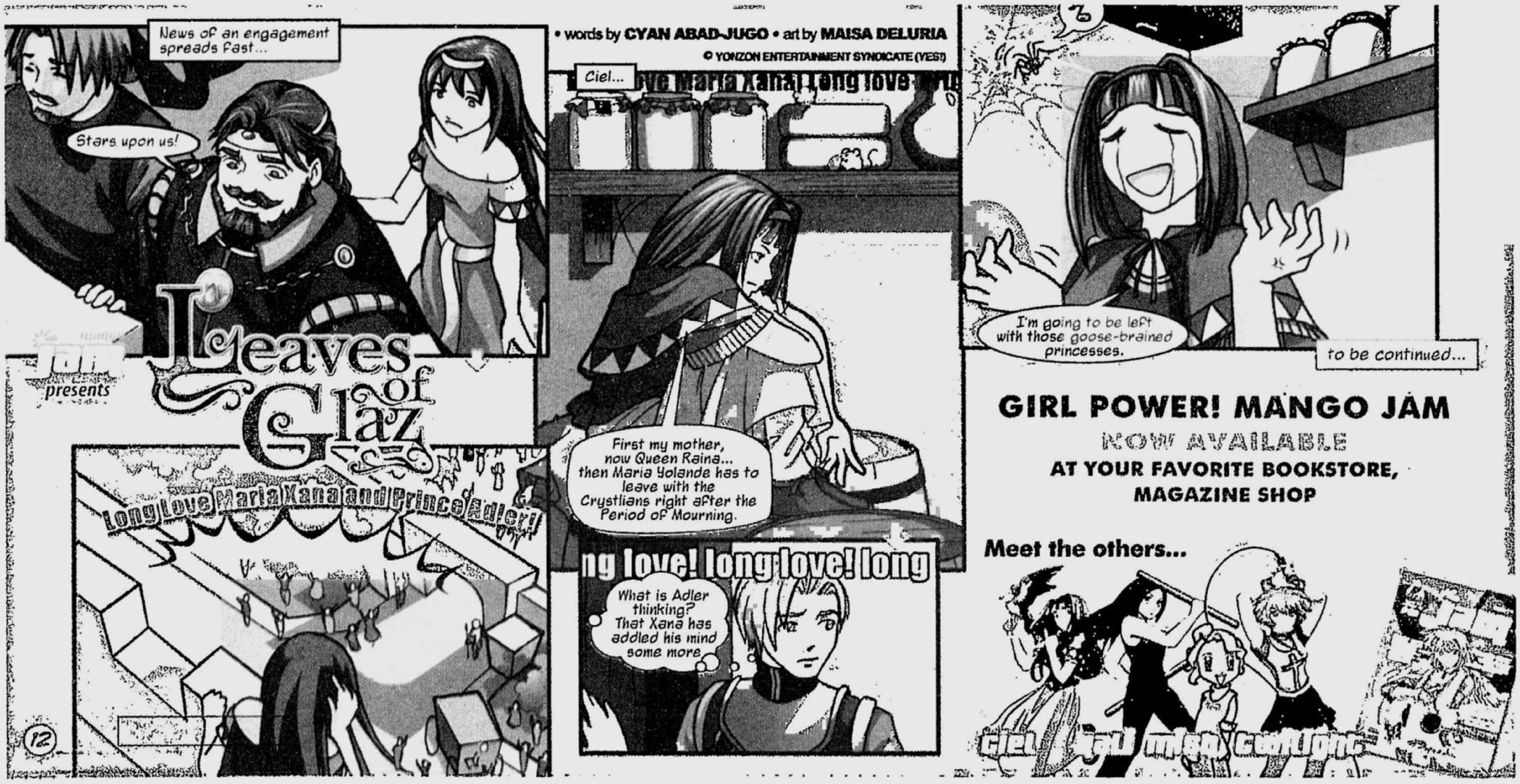
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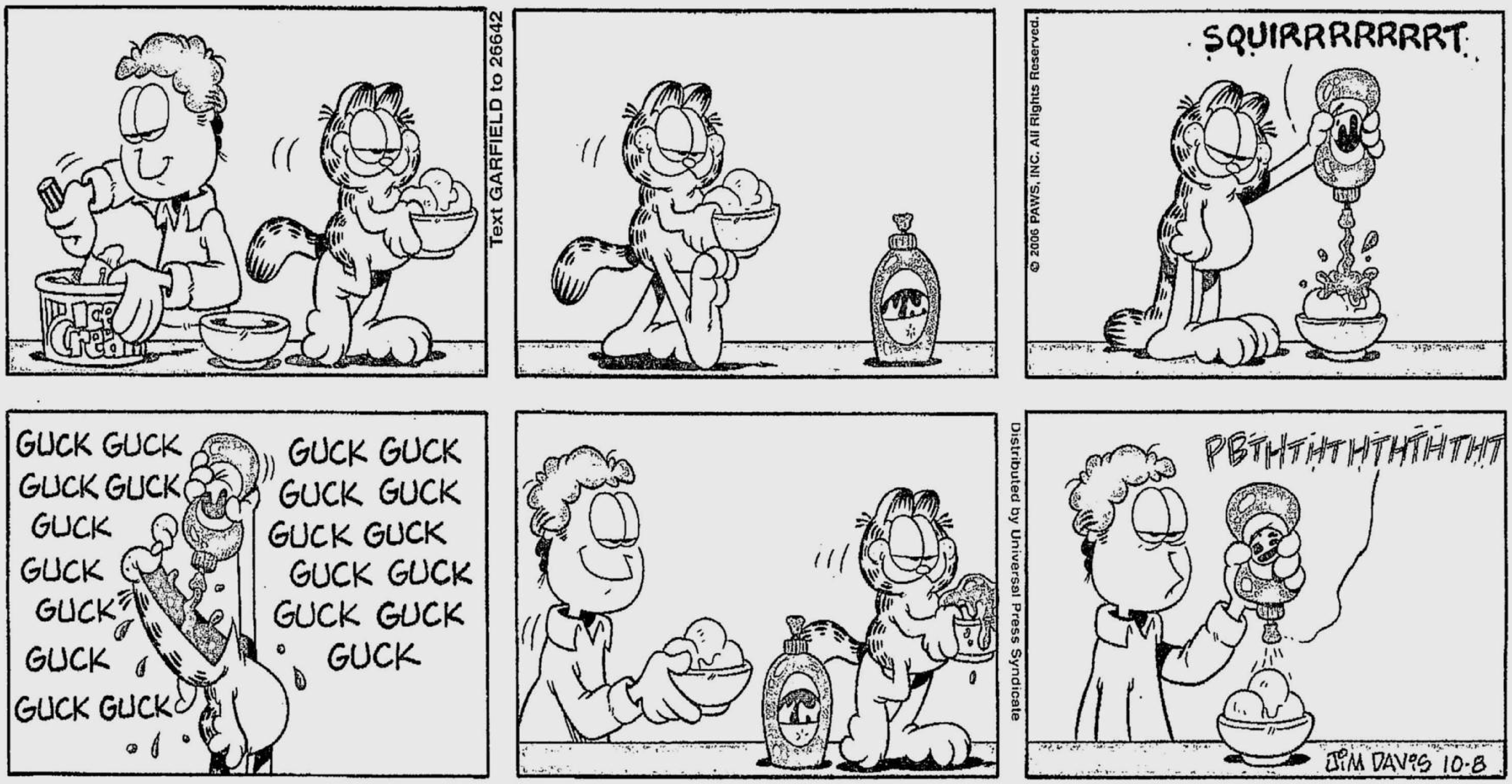
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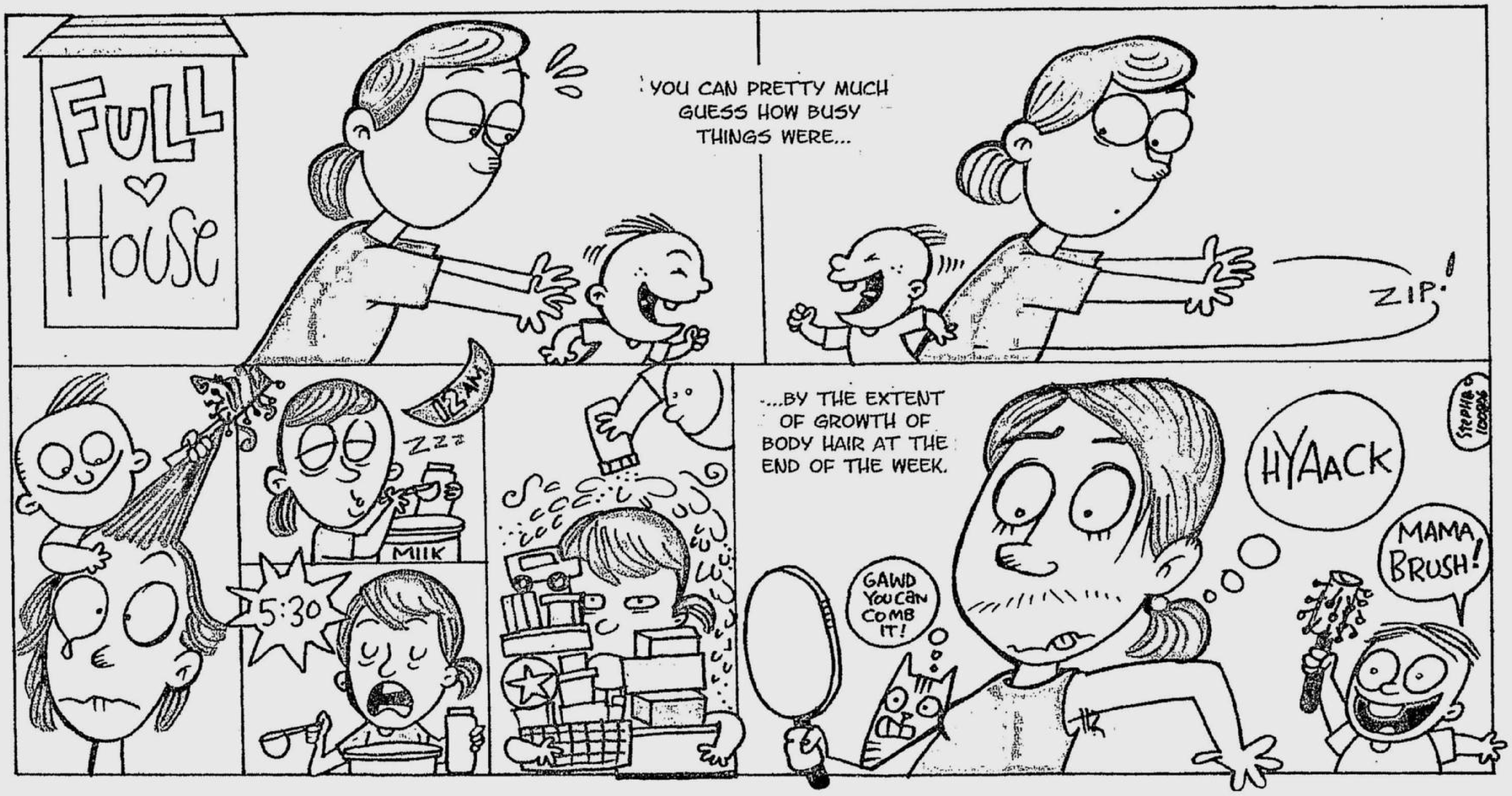
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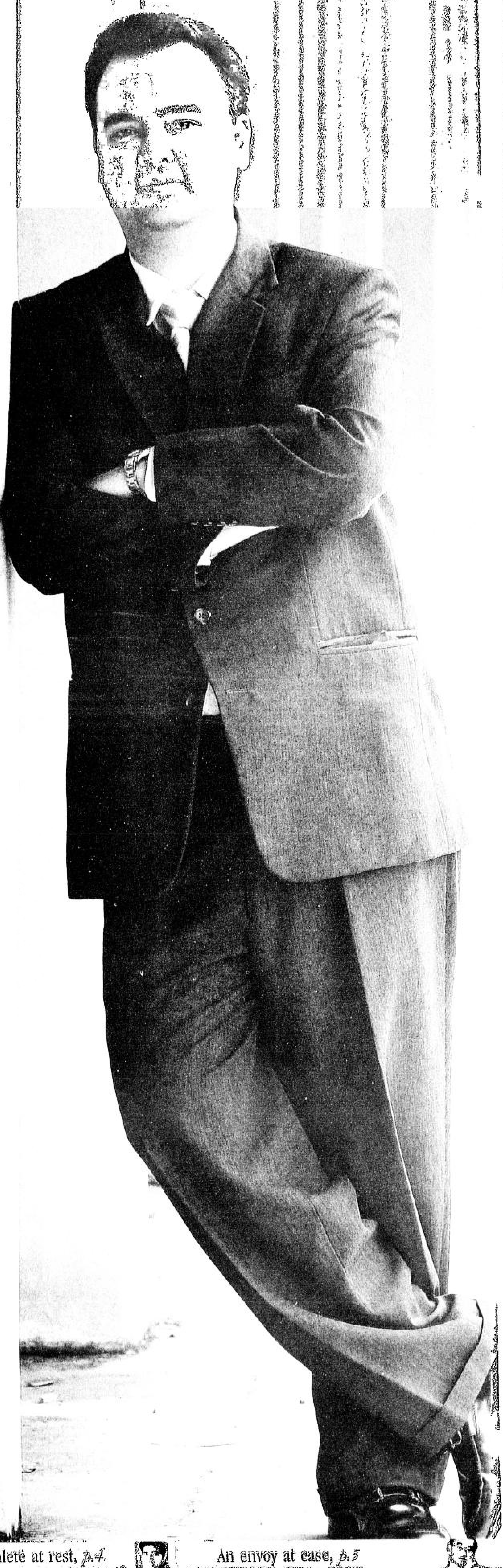

Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano takes on the First Couple:

Is this any way to run for the Senate?

After hogging the news for blowing the whistle on alleged secret Arroyo bank accounts, the Other Cayetano in Congress claims he's doing it on principle, even as critics say he's going overboard— for a Senate seat

by Philip C. Tubeza
photographs by Joan Bondoc

HESE days, Taguig-Pateros Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano usually goes to bed at 4 a.m.

Not that he's losing sleep over the P30 million libel suit filed against him by First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo, or the Arroyos' attempt to have him expelled from the House of Representatives for accusing them of having a secret bank account in Germany. Why not sign the waiver of confidentiality so that the bank can release the information? Cayetano had challenged Arroyo, to no avail.

Cayetano, 35, and a rising star among the opposition, says he picked up the habit of sleeping late while studying in law school. But it was his early awakening and experiences in politics, as well as his abiding faith in God, that have kept him going despite the recent nightmares in his political life.

"Actually, I sleep more quietly now during all these crises. There's something about surrendering everything to the Lord," says this Born-Again Christian.

Well, there's something about Alan. The son of the late Sen. Rene Cayetano (and younger brother of Sen. Pia Cayetano) saw his political stock soar when he played a prominent role in the failed impeachment bids against President Arroyo.

This Other Cayetano professes that he has many more close friends in the majority block, and even considers some of them as his mentors. But he has also outsmarted, with glib and acerbic ripostes, veteran administration lawmakers during heated floor debates in the House.

No wonder he has figured prominently in one survey about possible candidates for the 2007 senatorial elections.

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Rep. Alan *...from page 1*

Cayetano was born Oct. 28, 1970 and got a taste for the rough and tumble world of Philippine politics early on, thanks to his father, who was elected assemblyman for the Kilusang Bagong Lipunan in 1984. The elder Cayetano was later appointed deputy minister for trade.

"I grew up following my dad everywhere. I almost got kicked out of high school because I did not want to go to class. I'd rather be with my dad and go to his meetings," Cayetano recalls.

He was 16 when he joined his father in campaigning against the 1987 Constitution. The elder Cayetano had bolted the Marcos regime in the 1986 People Power Revolution but joined the opposition during the Aquino years.

Not surprisingly, Cayetano took up political science at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, became a student activist, and won a seat in the university student council.

First taste

He got his first real taste of local politics after being elected Taguig councilor in 1992, and had the distinction of being the youngest councilor in the country at that time.

In 1995, at the age of 24, he ran for vice-mayor and crashed head-on into his first political crisis after his opponent accused him of cheating.

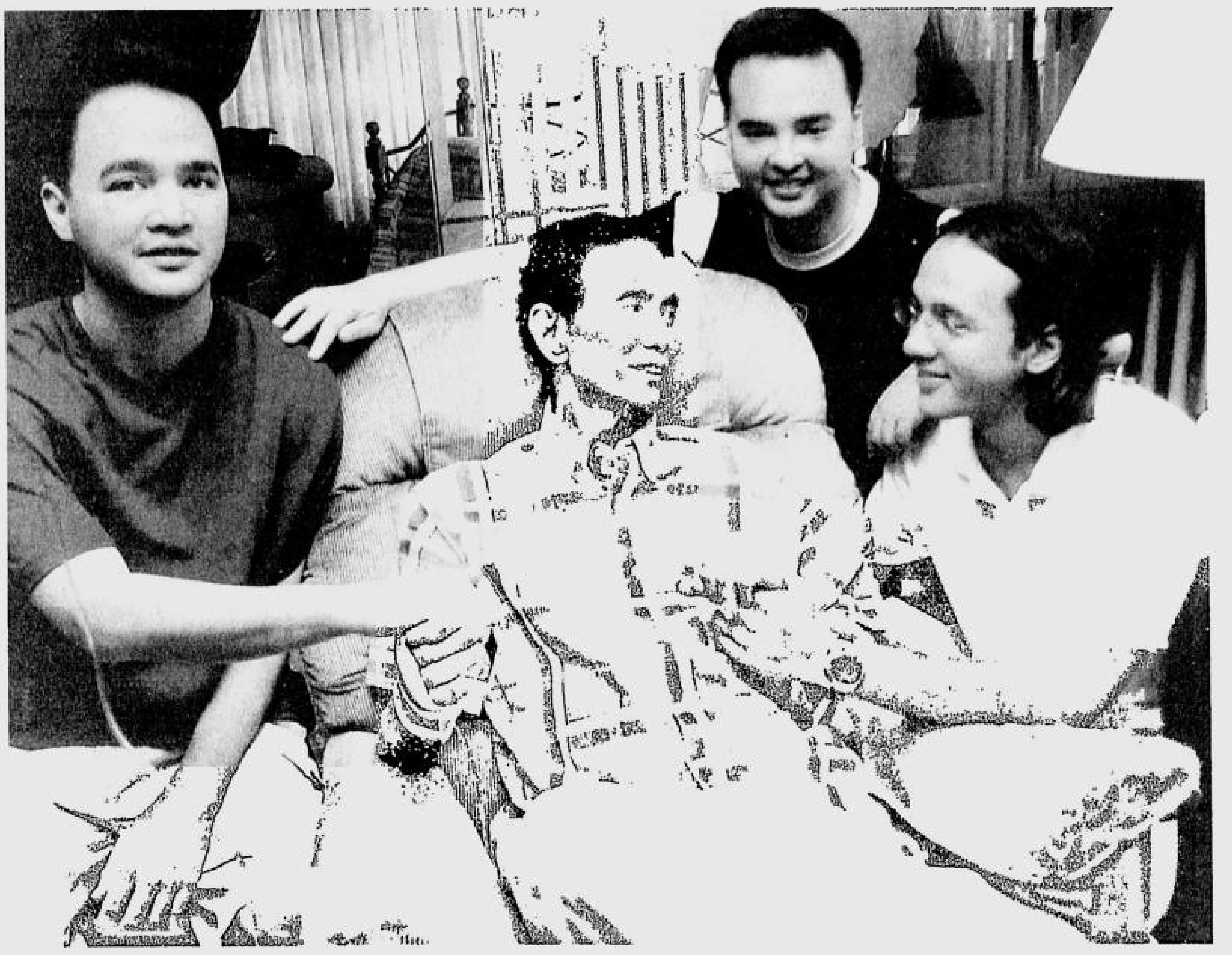
"That was my first real electoral battle because we were charging each other with cheating," he recounts. "After one year, my opponent was proclaimed winner, but I protested."

Cayetano continues: "It was like a murder case. Three judges inhibited themselves from hearing it."

His father was very concerned, worried that Alan might "go to the mountains and become a rebel." After all, he was from UP. "He thought I might get fed up with the system and give up on it," adds Cayetano. The elder Cayetano would talk to his friends and urge them to watch over his son. "I found it funny that he was so serious about it. He didn't know that I was taking it well," he says.

That episode made him realize how a crisis can mold a politician's character, Cayetano says, adding that it didn't hurt to have somebody like his dad giving advice, as well. "He told me to learn from my mistakes. 'Take it easy and know that there's always a tomorrow,' he'd say."

He knew his father was hurting, recalls Cayetano. "At that time, he had no government post and right before his eyes, he saw the votes for me being changed. He could not believe it," he says.



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Cherished father: Cayetano siblings (L to R) Rene Carl, Alan Peter and Lino at their father's side shortly before the senator's death in 2003

Thumbs down: Cayetano holds a copy of the amended impeachment complaint against President Arroyo in July last year.

"My father wanted to tell his son that there was justice in this world, even if his career went nowhere despite all the good work and sacrifices he made."

Cayetano says he was vindicated after he was declared winner in 1998. But by then, he had already won a seat in the House of Representatives. Eventually, he discovered that his opponent also had the public's interest at heart, and promptly reconciled with her.

Shifting nature

"I even invited her to be a godmother in my wedding," he adds.

The shifting nature of political loyalties manifested itself as well in his relationship with the First Family, says Cayetano.

The lawmaker campaigned for Ms. Arroyo in the 2004 presidential elections, although the ruling Lakas-CMD poured its resources behind the Cayetanos' political foes in Taguig, the Tingas.

But Cayetano joined the minority after the elections. Because he was not affiliated with any of the factions in the opposition, he was "acceptable to everyone" in the minority, he muses.

"That's why I played a major role in the impeachment—because all groups listened to my two cents' worth of advice," says Cayetano.

However, he lost some of that support when he began pressing the First Gentleman on his alleged German bank account, the source of his current political woes.

"It was after I named the bank on TV that some people started saying, 'Why go all out?' when the President was not going to be removed. They said that that my pork barrel was in peril so why put everything at stake?" says Cayetano.

"I wasn't trying to be the hero. But that's my mentality, even in basketball. Even if there's only one minute left and we're down by 10 points, I still would not give up the ball," he adds.

But Cayetano admits that his allegations about the Arroyos have cost him.

"People close to me suddenly found themselves facing charges. They were told that if they wanted to continue to work in government, they should leave Taguig," says Cayetano.

Pay the price

"I'm ready to pay the price, but it's a different matter for a school principal or a government doctor who is threatened with the loss of their jobs. How do you answer to your family? Is it principle first before livelihood and family name?"

Indeed, veteran politicians score the young lawmaker for "going overboard in going after the President." Camarines Sur Rep. Luis Villafuerte, a staunch supporter of the President with whom Cayetano has frequently tangled, says, "What I've been saying all along was that while Cayetano was doing well, I think he overdid all his attacks against the President. I think he went beyond the boundaries of propriety, and that's what got him into trouble."

Villafuerte, a classmate and friend of the elder Cayetano, adds that the younger politician is diligent and has "great potential," but his "inordinate desire to run for the Senate has caused, and will cause, his downfall."

Notes the Bicol official: "He's a man of inherent abilities that can be developed. I think he has reached a level of popularity so that he should now act more prudently. Otherwise his popularity will turn into notoriety."

But Cayetano dismisses perceptions that he's making all that noise because he's eagerly seeking a Senate seat.

"I don't want to lose sleep about things that are not within my control. Even if I plan my Senate campaign now, I have no money and the opposition still has no complete slate. So why waste the time?"

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HAIL THE HERRERAS

These two brothers (**SIM**, Oct. 1, 2006) came from my dear school in high school. *Magagaling talaga sila.* Creativity and good PR not only made them famous on the campus but also helped the school win big contests. Congrats to the two of you! More power.

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Two poems by Tanya Sevilla

Incident at the Footbridge

The boy died
After his father jumped with him.
From a 30-foot bridge.

I tried to revive the toddling junior
But failed.
The blood had clotted.

The father survived the fall.

His wife said:
"He hasn't been home for two days.
When he did come home,
He grabbed our son and left."

The police tried to determine
What substance influenced this;
That the man should live.

While the blood of the son
Thickened, hardened,
Refused to be poured out and flow.

Videoke

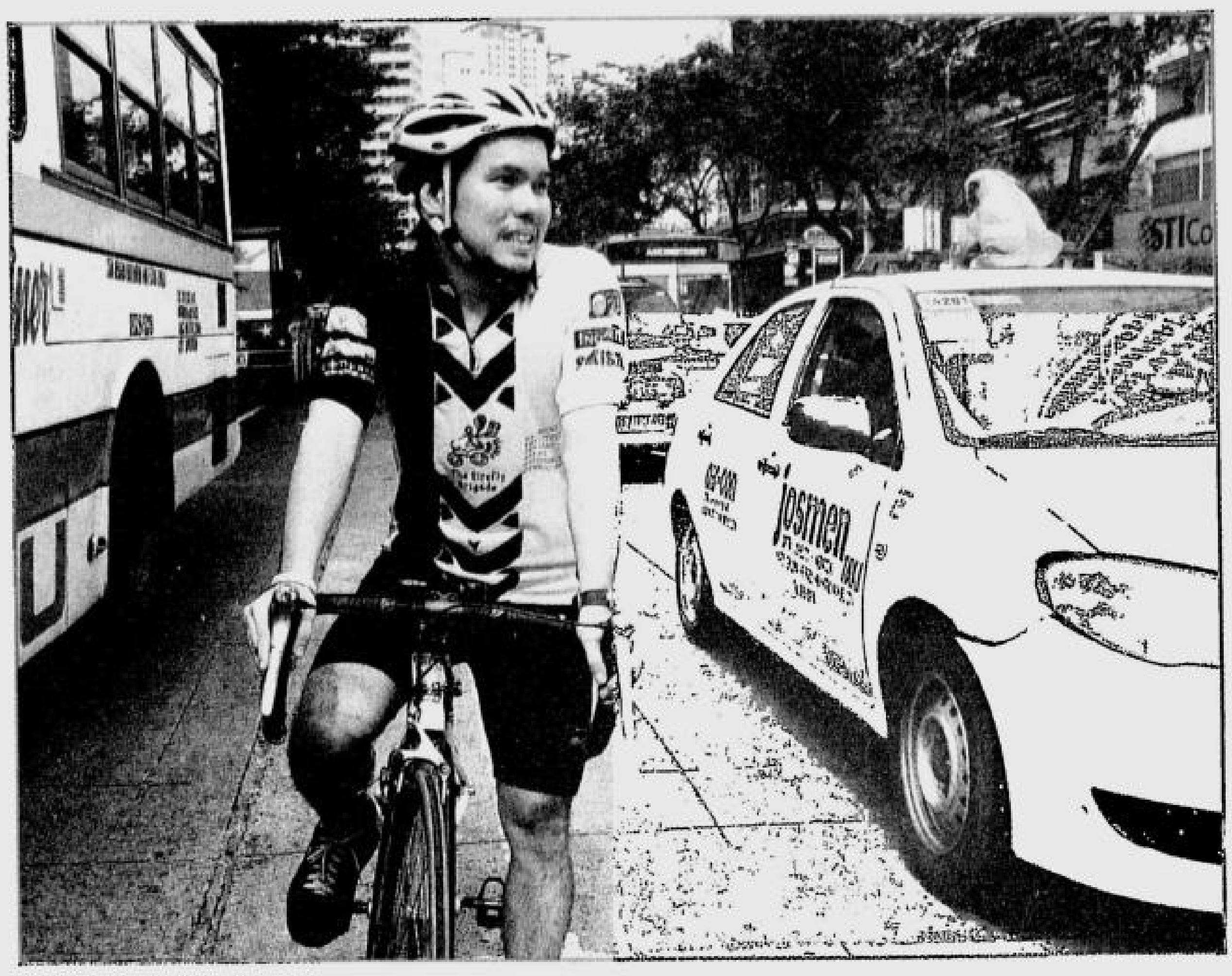
In off-key falsetto, the Nth Sinatra of Manila
Commands the greasy linoleum and monobloc bar.
He does it his way; flashes beer-swilled smile
To salutes of his drunken cadre:
Elvis Alive Again, Immortal John
With Yoko on stilettos and tight miniskirt.
Frank raises his Nth cerveza,
Lectures on the art of winning his war.
He wears his bribes, the well-earned badges.
His belt cannot hold his potbelly of schemes.
Tip of the day: the loud voice wins all
On the videoke machine.
So amen and long live, his comrades cheer.
Order another round. Frank rises for an encore.
I wipe the water rings, snicker
At another dreamer who'll grope
His drunken way into the piss-scented night.

text and photographs
by James Barr

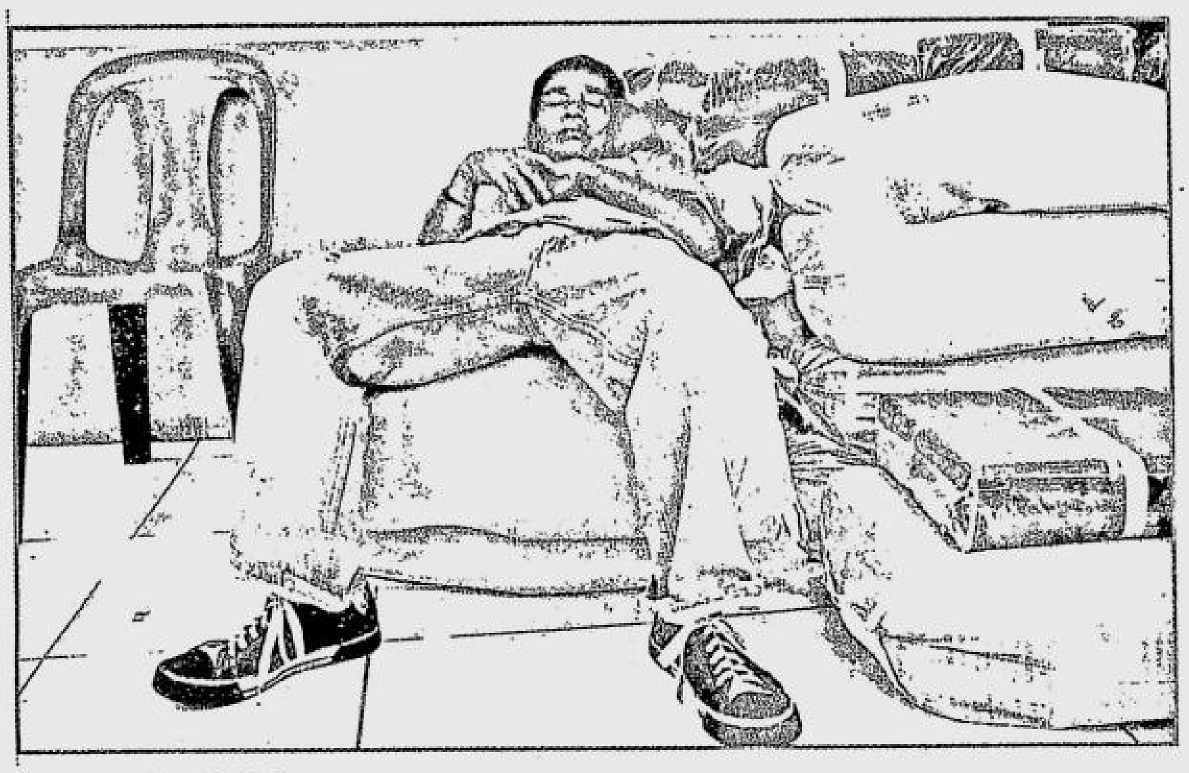
Getting to know Manila through its people

A British lensman shares his impressions of the city of our affections

I have spent the last six weeks in Manila taking note of the differences and similarities between Filipino and English culture. I have enjoyed my time here, and hope that I can visit again soon. Whatever the problems that exist here, the Filipino people more than make up for it. Here are some of the people who made an impression.



Aries Espinosa, 35, recreational cyclist
I discovered why religion is such an important part of Filipino culture as I drove a car for one day in Manila. This experience definitely brought me closer to God, as I felt the touch of angels' wings several times! I felt awe at seeing cyclists amid the throng of Manila's traffic, and admiration as yet another vehicle with a "how's my driving?" bumper sticker nearly mowed them down. Cyclists have no protection from thoughtless men and women in little metal boxes, so please show some consideration. I was inspired to see dedicated cycle lanes in Marikina City, which are better than in most English cities, but also surprised that no such provision exists in Manila. Roxas Boulevard, a perfect location for biking given its flat surface, wide road and gentle breeze from the bay, would be a great start. The cyclists I spoke to said they would commute to work and give up their cars if Manila's roads were safer.



Pasay City Hall dreamer
All around Manila I see people having a nap during the day. I find this amusing, and wonder what they are dreaming about. Filipinos work very long hours and in a tropical climate, so it makes sense to recharge one's batteries. In the UK, it is so cold and wet. People tend to get sleepy after lunch, but we don't have places where you can take a rest.

Rose Cinco, 38, MMDA street sweeper for four months now, and mother of five kids
I first noticed the street sweepers when I saw a girl on Roxas Boulevard cutting the grass with a pair of hair scissors! I couldn't believe it! I was also surprised to see them sweeping the edges of highways as cars sped by within inches of their bodies. Their job places them at serious risk, and if these workers had proper equipment it would not only make their job easier, but enable them to work more effectively. After speaking to many workers, I also found that their pay is often delayed by months. This is a strange way to treat the people who work very hard to keep Manila functioning as a city.

Roberto Gelito, 65, musician, has played the violin since he was 15
When I first arrived in the airport six weeks ago, a three-piece band was playing. Since then, I have been amazed at the talent and creativity of Filipino people. You love to sing, play the guitar and dance, all of which speak of a warm culture at ease with itself. I recently visited Boracay, and this man was playing the violin at the Caticlan jetty, both for enjoyment and to earn a little extra money. It felt good to hear live music from real people. Music is something spontaneous that should be all around us, not just a pre-paid one-hour show that has become the musical experience of the UK.

Sheryl "Kathy" Viado, 25, transgender performer, Cavite City
In England, there is a joke that when you go to Asia, you should "watch out for the Ladyboys!" and there's a reason for that. Transvestites in the UK just look like men wearing dresses and make-up—their bodies are all wrong, and you can see the stubble beneath their foundation. In the Philippines, they actually look like women. I went to the Amazing Philippine Beauties Show at Manila Film Center, and was...amazed. A few beers too many, and you should watch out!

Jessica, 12; Samuel, 27; Celso, 6; Rosemary, 4; Cecil, 4, Joanne, 39, JanJan, 7, Jennifer, 13, Cesar, 50, homeless family
We have homeless individuals living on the streets in the UK, but we don't have whole families in this situation. This family came to Manila from Calbayog, Samar 10 years ago. They live day to day making money from watching parked cars, washing them, and selling sweets and cigarettes. If they don't make money, they don't eat. Life on the streets is tough, but, they say, it's harder to survive where they came from. The Department of Social Welfare tries to send these people back to the province, which does not solve the problem. You have to think about what desperate circumstances motivates a family to leave their home, family and friends, and travel hundreds of miles to live on the streets. They are homeless, not hopeless. And they're doing their best to survive.

Angela, domestic helper, with dogs Sebastian (left) and Zack (right)
I was surprised at the number of households in the Philippines that have helpers. It is a luxury the majority of people cannot afford in the UK. It appears to be a good job, as it includes food and lodging, but you have to remember that the wages are low and the worker is sacrificing aspects of her own life.

Fashionwatch

by Joy Rojas
photographs by Jim Guiao Punzalan

Barely out of his teens, he's making the 'dos of the biggest stars stand out

From aspiring fashion designer to assistant to star stylists, Raymond Santiago has finally come into his own as one of the hottest and most versatile hair whizzes in Manila

RAYMOND Santiago usually takes the MRT, but when Typhoon Milenyo's wrath left the city (and his mass transportation of choice) at a standstill, the hairstylist decided to cab it from his home in Balagtas, Bulacan, all the way to Ayala, Makati, for this interview.

"*Pasensiya na po*" (Please bear with me), he texts repeatedly until he finally arrives. It was super-traffic at Edsa because of the fallen trees and billboards, he adds.

For the longest time, the stretch of highway served as Santiago's sprawling resumé. Whenever he was feeling tired after a long day at work, he simply had to look out on Edsa and admire all the billboards bearing larger-than-life pictures of models whose hair he had styled. Speaking mainly in Filipino, the soft-spoken stylist says with a smile, "It was a good way to unwind. But now, they're gone, *binagyo na*."

Hit among models

Advertisers should be calling for his services soon. At 19 and with only two years' experience, Santiago is one of the industry's most sought-after hairstylists. Glossy magazine editors have booked him for their covers and fashion spreads, and celebrities like Nancy Castiglione, John Lloyd Cruz and Iya Villania have asked him to do their 'dos for their TV appearances and red carpet events.

What is it about this high school graduate from Balagtas Agricultural School that makes him such a hit among models and *mahjongeras* alike?

"His ability to work with any type of hair is excellent," says Chalk magazine associate fashion editor Bea Constantino. "He can make the frizziest hair look tame and the shortest hair look disco-big."

Makeup artist Robbie Piñera calls him "my first choice for hairstylist. He's got a light touch, he works fast and he knows exactly what style goes with the model, her clothes and her makeup. And even if he's young, he's also got an eye for what looks good. I often ask him what he thinks of the makeup I do, and he'll always tell me what he thinks in his usual polite way."

The fourth of seven boys and the son of a homemaker and a jeepney driver who passed away five years ago, Santiago originally wanted to be a fashion designer. In high school, he was already sketching and sewing clothes for his classmates. A neighbor, though, spotted potential of a different kind. So after graduating, the 17-year-old Santiago was asked to work at Tony Evangelista's, a salon in Bulacan. There he assisted senior stylists and learned the basics of the hairstyling business. It was difficult, he says of his early years. "But if you like what you're doing, it's easy, and I was enjoying myself."

Complete wreck

Glossy magazines, however, proved the young stylist's true training ground. Santiago, who was supposed to assist senior hairdresser Ogie Rayel for a fashion feature in Chalk, ended up styling the model himself when Rayel was forced to leave the shoot for another appointment. The model, who showed up late, turned out to be Nancy Castiglione. Santiago, who had never styled a celebrity before, was a complete wreck: He trembled uncontrollably and kept dropping his roller brush. But Castiglione and the staff of Chalk only saw the good work that he had done. A month after that shoot, Santiago received offers left and right.

The offers have not stopped since. Santiago says he styles for a magazine, advertiser or celebrity daily, and in fact, had to decline a shoot with "Bakekang" star Sunshine Dizon for Star Studio magazine to make it to this interview. Having done hairstyles for Ruffa Gutierrez-Bektas, Precious Lara Quigaman, Marjorie and Claudine Barretto, and the Pinoy Dream Academy kids, to name a few, the stylist says he's no longer afraid or intimidated in the presence of *artistas*. If he could, he'd like to style the hair of Kris Aquino and Gretchen Barretto. "I'd give them glamorous high-fashion bouffants," he says. Castiglione is his favorite star to style, as he already knows what she wants, and likes it that she appreciates his work.

As for the most challenging celebrity to style, one he'd rather not work with again, that would be the "sweet" soap star and shampoo endorser who appeared alongside other young actresses on the cover of a glossy magazine's controversial issue. During preparations for the shoot, the actress instructed Santiago to straighten her curly hair—then curl it again, after which she decided to have him tie it up in a bun. "She was so demanding and gave me a hard time," says Santiago with a soft chuckle. The actress would request him to fix her hair in another shoot, but the stylist, who knew what he was in for, declined.

Cuts with character

Personally, Santiago, who has his hair trimmed and colored at Toni & Guy, prefers cuts and styles that show "character," such as the half-long, half-short, anime-inspired 'do he sports for the moment. Oh, but his previous cuts have been more radical, he insists. Despire that, his family has been genuinely supportive and happy for him, says this middle child—although, he admits sheepishly, they do find his hairstyles just a little too extreme for their taste.

When he isn't leafing through the pages of international magazines for hairstyles he can experiment with, Santiago, whose work often keeps him up late, catches up on his sleep—dreaming perhaps of the countless other ways in which he can express himself. He'd like to seriously pursue fashion design in three years, and perhaps learn to cut hair. But the desire to try his hand at makeup seems stronger.

"I'm not sure," he says after a long pause when asked about his next career option. Anything can happen, he adds. "For now, I'm really happy with what I'm doing."

Santiago certainly has much do—beginning with all those billboards in Edsa. Q

Businesswatch

by Tonette Salazar
photographs by Mandy Navasero

Omar Andaya grew up in a family of farmers and a
out to the poor. It helps that he knows exactly w

How this Green Ba made the lea

WHAT prepares a person for his future destiny? Meeting Joseph Omar Andaya, one wonders, what life events can turn a carefree boy into an innovative young banker with a drive to serve?

There is nothing stiff, formal or stereotyped about Omar, president and chairman of the board of the Green Bank of Caraga, Inc., which has its main offices in Butuan City.

With a banker for a father, Omar's fate seems to have been decided for him even as he was growing up. Like father, like son. But it didn't quite start out that way.

Ismael E. Andaya, Omar's father, was born in Butuan City, the only boy of three siblings. "After finishing BS Commerce studies at Far Eastern University, my father started his adult life developing fishponds for inland aquaculture and farming while employed with Philippine Airlines," Omar narrates. Then Ismael married Miriam Ong Oh, a medical school graduate, and nine months and one day after the wedding, Joseph Omar was born. He was followed by six other children in a span of 11 years, and Omar grew up as the mischievous *manong*, always playing practical jokes on his siblings.

Fast-growing family

With the pressing needs of a fast-growing family, Nonoy, as Ismael is fondly called, resigned from PAL and focused all his energy on aquaculture and farming. But the demand of raising a family and providing proper education for the children continued to weigh heavily on the Andaya patriarch's shoulders. The income was not enough.

Of all the siblings, only Omar knew of the dire financial needs of the family, and he helped in budgeting the Manila house expenses, even as he shielded the rest of the siblings from worrying. "It was a case of 'monkey see, monkey do,'" younger sister, Agnes recalls. "Omar witnessed the selflessness and dedication of our parents, and he molded himself after them."

"The life of a farmer is simple," Omar recalls. "We prepare the land for planting, we plant, we take care of the plants and watch them grow, then we harvest. The regularity of this cycle is

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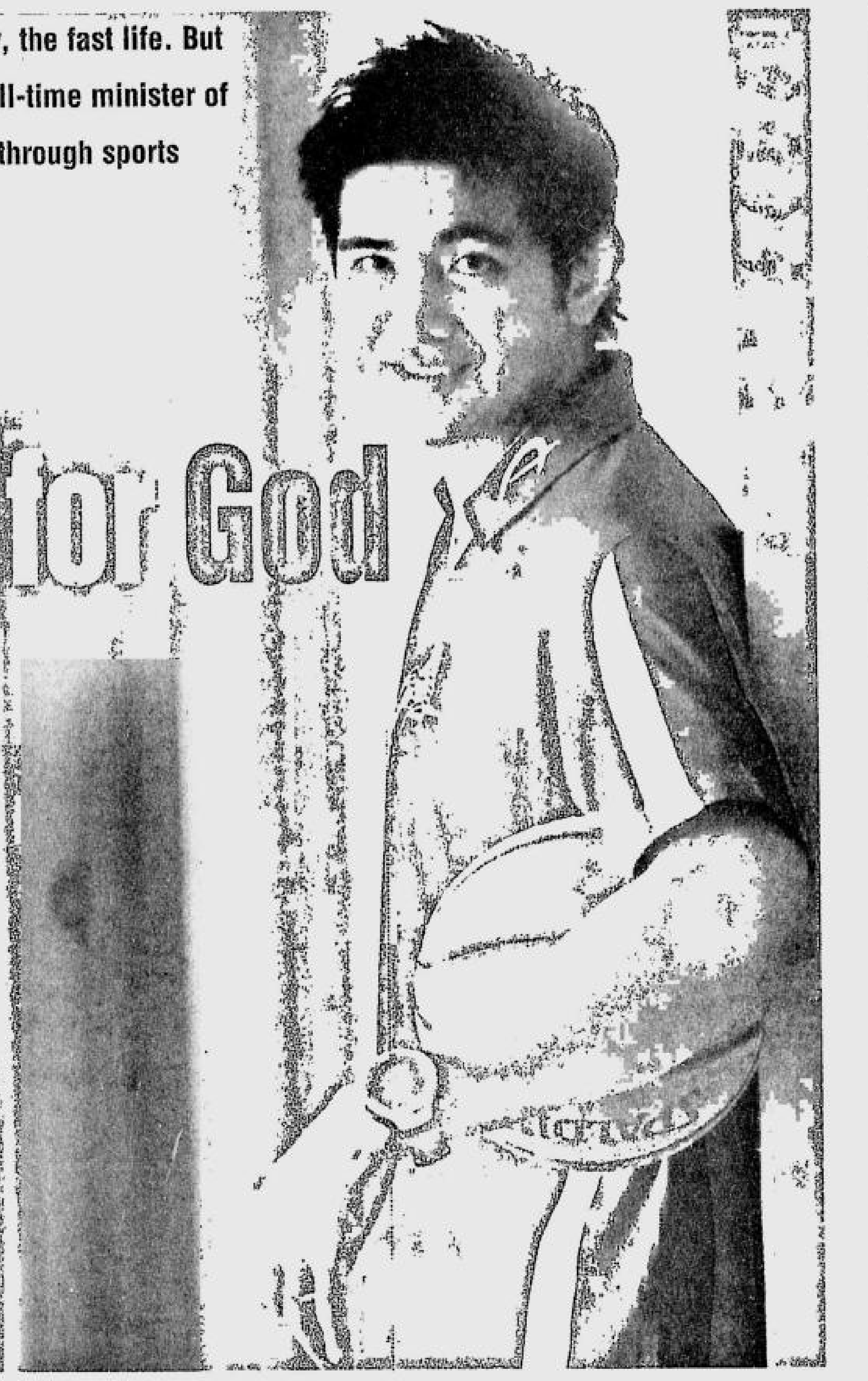
Twists of Fate

by Cathy S. Babao-Guballa
photographs by Romy Homillada

BJ Manalo had it all—fame, money, the fast life. But he has found true happiness as a full-time minister of God who reaches out to people through sports

This former basketball star would rather be an MVP for God

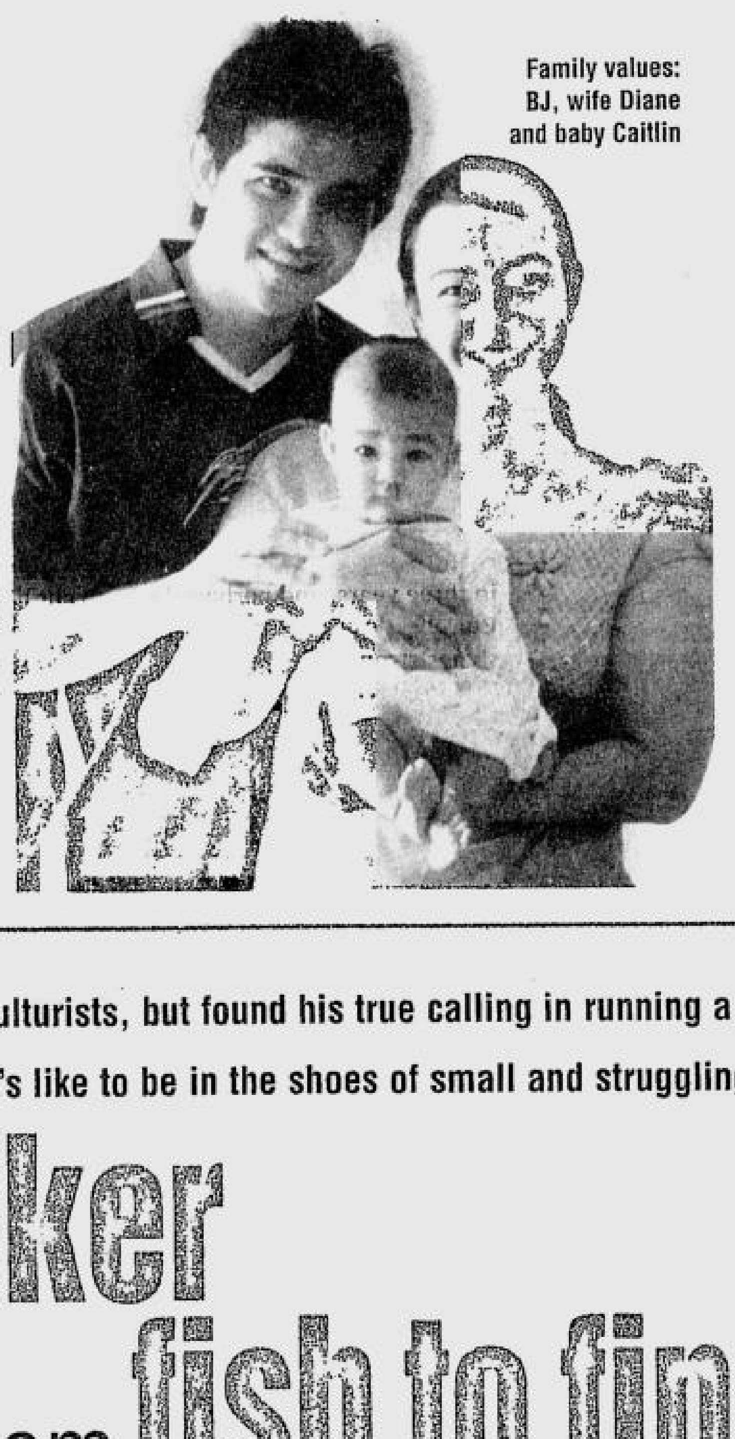


THE WHOLE world lay at his feet, ready to be taken. He had a giant billboard on Edsa, several product endorsements, was part of a daily noontime show, drove a flashy vehicle, and had a lot of money in the bank.

It was several dreams come true for this young 22-year-old, but life was empty. "Basketball was my god, and I had lost my soul."

Benedict "BJ" Manalo, Jr. former UAAP cage star and campus heartthrob, plays an entirely different game now, and his heart, he says, beats solely for the Lord, whom he has chosen to serve full-time.

It's a very different life from the one he led a few years ago, but for this young man no longer in a hurry, there is simply no turning back. "I had always been curious about God because I saw the change in my parents when they got closer to Him, but I remained blinded by the world." But, as we already know, God works in strange and mysterious ways. "He used my knee injury to catch my attention. Basketball was my god, so He had to take it away from me for a time so that He could speak to my heart. Suddenly, Jesus' death on the cross became very real for me. I knew then that I was on a path to self-destruction because I tried taking control of my life. On August 5, 2003 I surrendered my life to him and from then on, my life has never been the same."



Family values: BJ, wife Diane and baby Caitlin

Personal beliefs

In place of the flashy car is a simple, second-hand vehicle, and the advertising endorsements have all been given up. The billboard has long been gone, as is the noontime show, which, he says, actually eased him out because he had begun to refuse appearances that were contrary to his personal beliefs.

The adulation remains, though. During this interview, the restaurant staff hovered politely, and several of them would request for his autograph in between breaks. There is a palpable charisma about BJ; the glow from within is what draws people to his cause. Nowadays; BJ is athletic director of Athletes in Action, a ministry of the Campus Crusade for Christ, which uses sports as a means to spread the word of God. Together with his wife. Diane Quisumbing, herself a former member of the national women's soccer team, he devoted their lives in service for the Lord—a tough decision for a newly-married couple.

Prior to his life-changing injury in 2003, the sports ministry of Athletes in Action (AIA) had tried to reach out to him, but since everything was going well in BJ's world, he felt no need for them. "It was when I was at the lowest point in my life that I tried attending their Bible studies," BJ relates. "I thought I had the best job in the world. I had a lot of money, I was popular and doing what I loved the most, which is basketball. But now that I am in full-time ministry I realize that cars. bank accounts and fame will not matter when you die. We are investing in eternity here. God is my employer, and what a wonderful privilege it has been."

Struggles and ministry

BJ's passion is both infectious and admirable. I ask him if there are moments when he misses his previous life, and he says, "Honestly, there are moments when I daydream about it, but when I think about what I have now, my discontentment fades away." It's not an easy life, especially if one has been accustomed to living the way BJ, Diane and baby daughter Caitlin have been used to, but they have managed. "We raise our own support by looking for people who have a desire to reach out to the world," BJ says. "These people are our financial support team." Admittedly, some months can be more difficult than others, and this is when his faith comes to play. "Struggles are part of our life. Financial concerns sometimes bother my mind, but not my heart. Sometimes I will grumble—if I didn't go into full-time ministry, I will not experience persecution or rejection. But then I also, would not be asking for support, which really humbles me."

Nowadays, BJ tours the country trying to reach as many student athletes as he can through basketball camps sponsored by AIA and other people who believe in his cause. The ministry's biggest project so far was the Elite Basketball Camp held at Brent School in Mamplasan, Laguna. "NBA veteran David Wood loves basketball with a passion, but he loves the Lord more," BJ recounts. "*Nakaka*-inspire *talaga siya*." It was inspiring, and he was with us all throughout the five-day camp." The event gathered Manila's top 80 high school basketball athletes, and for the duration of the camp they were soaked in basketball and the Word. "The best time to influence people is while they are in school. This is the time that they are searching for what they want to do for the rest of their lives. Student athletes are very influential in their school, and if we see changed lives, that will impact on so many people."

Sharing the gospel

When asked if he has shared the gospel with his former De la Salle University teammates, he calls the team his "Jerusalem." "It's more difficult to reach out to the people close to us, maybe because of the feeling of rejection. I have been rejected many times, but it hurts more when people close to you reject you. I know what some my friends and former teammates go through, and I want to tell them it is impossible to live life that way."

Though the applause and cheer has long left his life, BJ is content playing to his audience of one. "I pray that I might reach out to as many players as I can. To save even just one soul is worth it."

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about succession management," Omar recalls. "But my father is a strong-willed man, and despite his illness, in 1997, he renamed the bank Green Bank, with the immediate mission to expand and to reach one billion in resources within the next five years." In 1999, Omar joined the bank as its president. That was the year Omar introduced the bank to its future thrust of microfinancing, and worked towards the strengthening of the bank's systems to absorb the demands of expansion.

Harvard and Bolivia

Omar's training in microfinance would take him to the Harvard Business School and to La Paz, Bolivia. He also tucked a Master in Entrepreneurship degree from the Asian Institute of Management under his belt to beef up his arsenal of creative ideas for facing the challenges of bank management, and its role in building the so called "super-regions."

Indeed, managing a rural bank that is undergoing a process of growth and expansion is more than just a matter of risky business.

"You have heard of the Grameen Bank?" Omar asks. Grameen means "rural" or "village" in the Bangladeshi language. In 1976, Professor Muhammad Yunus, Head of the Rural Economics Program at the University of Chittagong, launched a project to examine the possibility of designing a credit delivery system to provide banking services targeted at the rural poor. The Grameen Bank Project was born. The bank's first principle: that the clients should not go to the bank, it is the bank which should go to the people.

"In the beginning, I thought, how is that going to happen?" Omar says. "My family started out in the fish business. Coming from the market, I had to change clothes before going to a bank. *Nakakahiya ako kasi amoy isda ako*. (I was an embarrassment because I smelled like fish.) I know the feelings of these small borrowers so well. You think: What bank executive will talk to me?"

That's why, when the family began to engage in microfinance, Omar knew that in order to become a premiere countryside financial institution, he had to go to the poor. "There are Green Bank kiosks in the market of Butuan

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From 'manong' to manager: Omar molded himself after his parents; at left, with wife Astrid, daughters Annia and Mika, and son Joseph

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Pinoy Connection

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This global thinking envoy is keen on our shared history

Japanese Ambassador Ryuichiro Yamazaki believes that his country has much in common with the Philippines, beyond the priority concerns over comfort women and Filipino entertainers

HE was 13 when his family left London, where they had lived in comfort from 1952 to 1958. As managing director of the Bank of Tokyo, his father had reopened a branch in London, and was about to do the same for this country newly devastated by the war. The boy was aghast when the plane landed. All he could see was squalor and slums lining the road from the airport to their hotel.

Right then and there, the boy vowed that he would do everything he could to get that country on its feet again. "After all," he says now, his eyes twinkling, "it was my own."

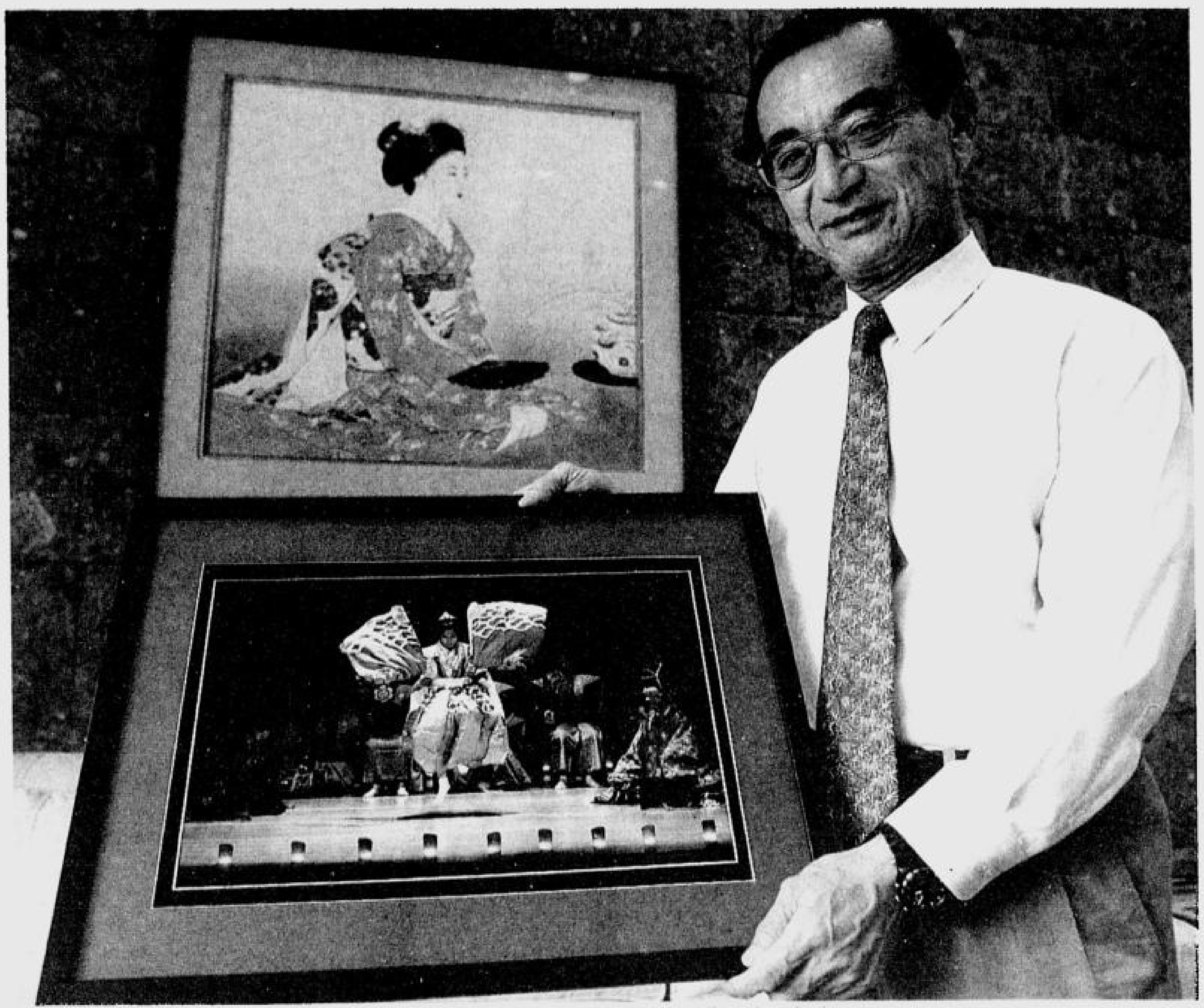
Tokyo in ruins after the Second World War became Japanese Ambassador Ryuichiro Yamazaki's inspiration to enter the foreign service and help rebuild Japan from the ground up.

United States President Kennedy's famous words, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," had stayed with him through much of his life, even bringing him first place honors in a national English speech contest at the Hitotsubashi University, where he graduated with an Economics degree in 1967.

Daily debates

His interest in world affairs had initially been stimulated by the daily mealtime debates that he heard as a young student in England. "I lived in this boarding school, where the boys furiously debated the issue of the day during dinner. At that time, it was the Suez Canal," recounts the ambassador in flawless English.

So it was not entirely surprising that, right after attending the Japan Foreign Ministry training at Williams College, Yamazaki would plunge headlong into diplomatic work. He was assigned in quick succession to the Japan Embassy in Washington D.C. (1973), in Beijing (1984), London (1992), as Number 2 ambassadot at the United Nations mission (1999) and ambassador to Vietnam (2001).



A yen for culture: Ambassador Yamazaki holds up a photo by Joseph Uy which won first place in the Zone V Camera Club monthly competition, on the theme "Graceful Motion"

Looking back at RP-Japan's shared history

Yamazaki was once seconded as Director-General for International Affairs of the Japan Defense Agency, a civilian position that is equivalent to being a three-star general. He was appointed to the Philippines in 2004.

Although this is his third posting in an Asian country, Yamazaki sees three basic factors that bind the Philippines closely with Japan. "We have a lot in common," he says. "One, both countries share the universal values of democracy, freedom and respect for human rights. We are also geographical neighbors who share the same strategic sea lanes on the South China Sea, and yet we have no maritime or territorial disputes."

Shared history

Then there's our shared history during the war, he says, adding that his posting had been doubly blessed by two celebrations: the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II in 2005, and the 50th year of Philippine-Japan friendship this year. "And that's why I am so impressed by the Filipino spirit of reconciliation and forward-looking attitude regarding our relations. Filipinos are more concerned about the now, instead of the then."

But beyond shared history and values, Yamazaki says he is impressed by the Filipinos' distinct character traits. "You know that book, 'You are Filipino when…'? It says you are Filipino when…you eat five times a day, or you eat with a spoon and fork instead of a knife and fork, or when everyone you know is related to you, and so on. Well, I find the items in that book to be particularly true. As a whole, I find Filipinos to be very refreshing. They're very helpful and they never forget to smile."

The ambassador is also elated by the Filipinos' seeming fascination with all things Japanese. "Everyday, my staff shows me clippings about Japan here that's about this high," he says, opening his thumb and forefinger three inches apart. "There's always something about Japan, the food, the arts, bonsai. There's even an Ikebana Club!"

For sure, he's done his share to stoke the interest even more with a rush of cultural activities and events to mark RP-Japan Friendship Year, including having Noh masters over to teach the dance and music to students at the University of the Philippines in Diliman. The Japan Foundation also recently held the first Pinoy Haiku contest in the country, whose theme on Mother Nature encouraged an appreciation of the environment.

Cultural exchange

Cultural exchange is one of his priorities, says Yamazaki. "I think we should pay more attention to getting more Filipino scholars to Japan and giving them first-hand knowledge of the country. This is indispensable for advancing the two countries' relations," he adds.

Another major challenge, he says, is for him to learn more about the Philippines. "I am still in the learning stage, trying to learn something new everyday, but at least I know that I don't know the country enough."

Fortunately, the man has a demonstrable willingness to learn. Yamazaki confesses to visiting every site scheduled for an official World War II ceremony at least a month and a half before the actual event, "to get a sense of the place and the people on an ordinary day" when there are no crowds and cameras. He even jogged for a kilometer along the Death March road in Bataan.

In his speech for the Bataan Day celebration this year, Yamazaki spoke of his personal grief and remorse over Japan's role during the war, a common thread in most of his speeches.

Which is quite surprising, given that for the longest time, Japan had glossed over its role in the war, with its history textbooks editing out the issue. "Most people in Japan now belong to the second or third generation after the war and have no role or responsibility for World War II. However, we Japanese must never forget the lessons from the war."

A good example, he cites, is the comfort woman issue. Several women's groups in the Philippines, including Lila Pilipina, Lolas Kampanyeras and Malaya Lolas, have demanded a formal government apology and legal compensation for the women who were forced to provide sexual services to Japanese soldiers during the war. The ambassador explains that the San Francisco Peace Treaty and the Reparation Agreement have settled all legal compensation issues.

However, he continues, an NGO, the Asian Women's Fund (AWF) was established, with the full support of the Japanese government. In the Philippines, he adds, "the Fund's major activities from 1995 to 2000 centered on providing every identified former comfort woman with two million yen (about P850,000) for atonement, with a letter of sincere apology and remorse from the Prime Minister of Japan and Y1.2-million (about P500,000) worth of medical and welfare support through funds from the government of Japan."

Taking the war home

Although the AWF was phased out in 2000, Japan has lined up other projects for elderly Filipinos through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects, says Yamazaki. The three key projects are the renovation and upgrade of equipment and services of the Geriatric Clinic at the Philippine General Hospital; the rehabilitation, expansion, and improvement of services for homeless elderly Filipinos at the Golden Acres Home for the Aged in Quezon City, and similar upgrade services for abandoned elderly women at the Home for the Aged run by the Bahay Puso Apostolate Foundation in Balanga, Bataan.

Taking the war home and making it a personal issue seems to run in the family, judging from the ambassador's $1,000 personal contribution to the AWF and his grandfather's attempt to curb Japan's naval capacity in the 1920s in the hope that such limitation would prevent it from going to war.

"My maternal grandfather was a high flyer in the Japanese navy. He graduated seventh in a class of 150 in the naval academy," recounts Yamazaki. "In the 1920s, my grandfather attended the Geneva disarmament talks where the major powers negotiated to set a ceiling on their naval capacity. Having seen the world, my grandfather was convinced that waging a war

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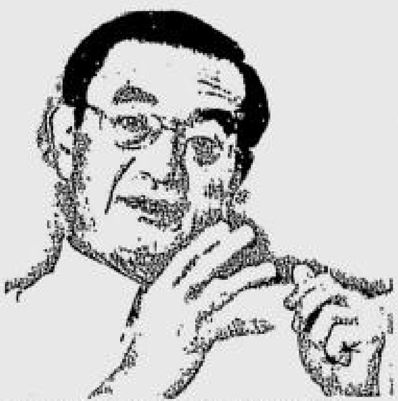
with the United States would be meaningless. So he campaigned back in Japan to avoid war with the US, writing articles and participating in open debates. He resigned his post as naval captain in the late 1930s. When the war erupted, he decided to serve his country—as captain of a transport ship."


Impressed by the Filipino spirit: "You are more concerned about the now, instead of then"

But Yamazaki chose to serve his country in ways other than the military. One of his goals is to expand the bilateral ties between the two countries, making sure that development funds are channeled where they are most needed.

Japan is the top donor to the Philippines, with its Official Development Assistance (ODA) accounting for more than half of the country's foreign assistance for the past 10 years through loans, grants and technical cooperation. So far, ODA funds have gone to development projects in irrigation, flood control, education, health care, earthquake detection, rural road network construction and improvement, water supply and livelihood programs.

He would like to conclude the review of the country assistance program for the Philippines, says Yamazaki. "There are three priorities in this connection: increase macro-economic growth such as employment through infrastructure building, poverty alleviation through socio-economic policies, and the development of Mindanao."

Another priority issue, he says, is the trafficking of Filipino women to Japan, an issue that has gone head-on with the more sticky issue of Filipino entertainers.

Corrective measures

"Japan has taken corrective measures concerning the entry of entertainers, with the intention of preventing the exploitation of the women who might have been coerced into nefarious trades by unscrupulous parties. We welcome genuine entertainers, and for that, we need proof of their two years' experience outside Japan," explains the ambassador.

Japan's policy on the entertainers' issue, he adds, can be characterized by the three Ps: prevention, prosecution and protection. "Under prevention, we only allow genuine entertainers to enter Japan, so that they do not have any 'weakness' which may be exploited. Under prosecution, we crack down on illegal activities. As for protection, we assure entertainers who may have overstayed in Japan that they will not be prosecuted or jailed, but instead given safe passage home."

Indeed, a pamphlet on anti-trafficking, instructs its holder—in Filipino—to "show this red page to anyone of the following--the police, immigration officials, members of women's groups or NGOs." The page says in Japanese: "Please call the police, I am a victim of trafficking." The green page, meanwhile, contains important phone numbers: those of the Japanese police, the immigration bureau, the counseling center for a women's anti-trafficking project, and that of the Philippine Embassy.

Time to relax

Given such serious concerns, does he ever find time to relax? Oh, but he does, says the ambassador, adding that he enjoys having round-table discussions with young students as well as with academics. He also reads all seven Manila newspapers at breakfast and loves traveling around the country. In fact, he adds, he has seen all of the four Unesco World Heritage baroque churches in the Philippines.

These pursuits do not, however, put him on the same intellectual plane as the rest of his family, says the ambassador sheepishly. His wife, whom he met when she visited Washington D.C. in the mid '70s, has a master's degree, while his sister has a Ph.D and is a professor at Sophia University in Tokyo. His daughter, meanwhile, is taking her master's in biochemistry at Kyoto University, while his high school son is studying to get into medical school.

But more than piling up academic units, the ambassador says he loves browsing around the Glorietta mall in Makati, visiting the countryside and walking around his spacious garden so that he can stop and literally smell the flowers.

But he has been to the Smokey Mountain dumpsite with a Japanese NGO on his first weekend in the coutnry as well, adds the ambassador. His wife helps several Japanese NGOs, some of which are operating at the Payatas dumpsite.

And why not? Such exposure can only be part of learning more about the country, something that the Japanese ambassador apparently has a passion for. Q

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City," Omar beams. "*Araw-araw ang koleksyon ng bayad sa mga tindera doon. Maliit lang ang maari nilang hiramin, pero maayos sila magbayad, nakakatuwa* (We collect everyday from the vendors. The loans are small, but they pay conscientiously, it's heartening)."

In Butuan, where his office is just about100 meters from his house, Omar is usually up at around 6 a.m. to play with his children. He is at the office by 8 a.m. at the latest. "Since the house is very near, I always take my lunch in the house. Then I usually stay in the office until 6 p.m. This is the usual routine I have from Monday to Friday. And when in Butuan, I always spend the weekend with my family."

It helps that banking runs in the family. Omar met his wife, Astrid, in a Mindanao-wide gathering of rural bankers, where rural bankers from Luzon and the Visayas were also invited, Omar recounts. "Actually she is the sister of my friend, so it was not really that difficult for us to 'connect.' My wife also belongs to a family of rural bankers. Her father owns a rural bank in Bataan, and her mother's family also owns a rural bank on the island of Cebu." The couple was blessed with three children: Joseph, now almost 3; Annia, now almost 2; and Mika, almost 1.

"He's still the practical joker, the funny man," says Agnes of her brother. "But he married late, as if he wanted to first make sure that all of us, his siblings, finished school and had established careers before he made any serious commitments for himself other than his family. And then he had his children, all three of them, one after the other!"

As a half-Cebuana, Astrid often visits her grandparents in Cebu, bringing the kids with her. As Green Bank also has branches in Cebu and in the Visayas, Omar take the opportunity to visit the branches in the region, while making weekend stops at the beach with his brood.

Green Bank now has the biggest microfinance outreach in Mindanao among People's Credit and Finance Corporation participant banks. To date, Green Bank has served over 100,000 clients since it started its microfinance program in 1999.

In 2002 Nonoy, pleased with Omar's performance and his other children's accomplishments in their respective positions in the bank, gave his final seal of approval by handing the baton of chairmanship of the board to Omar, while remaining as chairman emeritus, an invaluable source of advice and direction.

The organization continues to grow under the leadership of Omar, with 36 branches and 52 kiosks currently spanning Mindanao to Luzon, with a heavy thrust on microfinance.

When asked how he looks upon the whole development of the bank and the family, Nonoy answers: "It was a natural fulfillment of my dreams that my children would not only take over, but would make the business soar to greater heights." With Omar at the helm, "green banking" never looked so green. Q

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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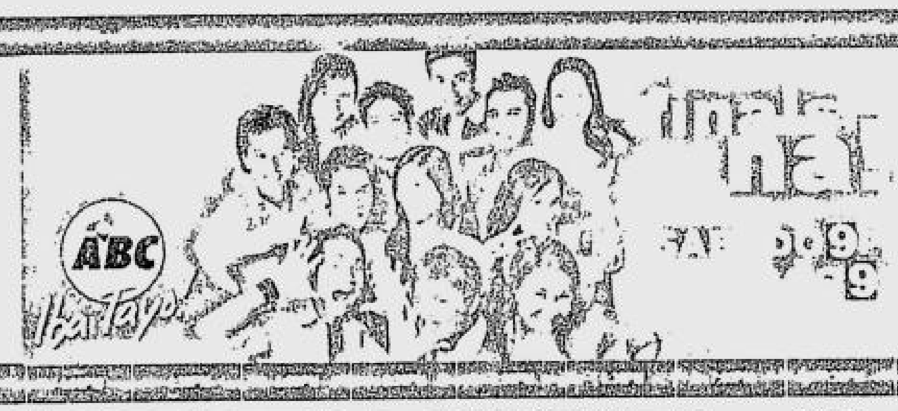

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ABS-CBN 2	Your Song: Ang Soundtrack Ng Lovelife Mo Lovespell The Buzz TV Patrol World Goin' Bulilit Rated K Sharon Pinoy Dream Academy Sunday's Best
AXN	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (Season 5) CSI: NY (Season 2) CSI: Miami (Season 4)
bTV	Sounds of Finals '05 NBA Europe Live 2006 Sidelines: L.A. [illegible] Europe Show NBA Action NBA Europe Live 2006 NBA Live
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Discovery Channel	How Do They Do It Building The Ultimate American Chopper Mythbusters Hour Asia Cathay Pacific Signature Series Discovery Sunday Power Zone
Disney Channel	Art Attack/ Billy & Buddy Totally Spies Kim Possible Lilo & Stitch Martin Mystery/ Hannah Montana American Dragon Emperor's New School Suite Life Of Zack And Cody Mr Bean Wonderful World Of Disney America's Funniest Home Video Totally Spies Kim Possible Martin Mystery Wonderful World Of Disney
ESPN	Classic Boxing LPGA Golf John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic Finals Major League Baseball Division Series NFL Football Packers @ Eagles
ETC	Saturday Night Live Insider Weekend Rated Oh Special American Dreams One Tree Hill America's Next Top Model Friends Simple Life 4 Project Runway Nip/ Tuck Rated Oh Special Insider Weekend
ETC 2nd Avenue	Swing With Celebrities Today Show - 1 Hour - Version Dateline Trading Spouses NBC Nightly News WSJR Nanny 911 The Director West Wing NBC Nightly News Hollywood One On One
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GMA 7	Gigsters Love To Love S-Files [illegible] Pinoy Meets World Mel & Joey All Star K Daddy Di Do Du Sunday Night Box Office
Hallmark Channel	Rocketman Family Plan Big And Hairy Much Ado About Nothing Midsomer Murders: A Worm In The Bud
HBO	Entourage 22: The Abyss The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants Stand By Me Stad (6:25PM) Now On The Big Screen In October Fallen Win A Date With Tad Hamilton
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RPN 9	Golf Power Fishorama Sure Hits World Poker Tour WWE Experience WWE Smackdown Ultimate Fighter Sunday's Big Event Global Window The Working President
SBN 21	Buhay Pinoy Sheperds Voice New Life Oras Ng Himala Oras ng [illegible] Gabay Al [illegible]
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Star Movies	Erin Brockovich My Date With Drew [illegible] Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou Ice Princess Soul Plane (10:45PM)
Star World	The Office Two And A Half Men Kevin Hill Business Week Asia Travel Asia NCIS Desperate Housewives Oprah Prime Time Hollywood Showdown Oprah Prime Time
Studio 23	Exposed Gag Ito! Y-Speak US Girls Desperate Housewives Digital Tour (10:15PM) Badminton Extreme Tru Calling

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Globe Tracker winner helps sick mother

CATHERINE Cuenca (center) receives her prize from Ferdz dela Cruz, head of Globe's consumer wireless business group, with Marissa Baylon, Cybersoft Inc's VP for finance.

CATHERINE CUENCA COULDN'T BELIEVE HER ears when she received the phone call announcing her as the grand prize winner of Globe's Tracker Promo. When she finally confirmed that she had indeed won the P500,000 prize, she literally shouted for joy. "Nagsisisigaw ako sa opisina," she said.

The windfall was a blessing in more ways than one for Catherine, who works as a sales officer for a real estate company. Just the day before, she and her elder sister were anxious about where to get money to pay for their mother's hospital bills.

Catherine was very worried about how to make ends meet. Their mother, who had been diagnosed with diabetes years before, had been confined for two weeks at the East Avenue Medical Center for complications resulting from her condition. Catherine, the youngest of six siblings, shared the hospital expenses with her sister.

Even with discounts and assistance from Philhealth, Catherine and her siblings did not know how to pay the rest of the hospital bill. Worse, she knew that the bill would only get bigger if it wasn't paid soon.

It was truly an immense blessing for Catherine when Cybersoft Inc, the content provider for Globe's Tracker service, called her up to inform her of her win. "I use Globe Tracker to check on my family, just to see how they're doing. But I didn't know it would help me with my problem," she said.

When Catherine came to the Globe office to claim her prize, she was warmly welcomed by no less than the head of Globe's consumer wireless business group, Ferdinand dela Cruz, accompanied by Marissa Baylon and Rommel Bernardo from Cybersoft Inc.

"We're very happy that people use our Globe Tracker service to improve work productivity and enhance their personal lives. It's fortunate that the prize money will help our winner pay for part of her mother's hospital bills," said dela Cruz.

The myGlobe Tracker service allows Globe subscribers to locate their loved ones anytime via SMS or MMS. Now, you can have peace of mind knowing where your loved ones are at all times.

To register a family member, text FAMILY REG <your name>, <age> and send to 2877. To register a friend, text FRIEND REG <your name>, <age> to the same number. Requesting subscriber will then receive a message that the invited party allows him to be located. For more info, text FAMILY HELP or FRIEND HELP to 2877.

GLOBE, INNOVE SET UP OFFICE IN SUBIC

Globe Telecom and its wholly-owned subsidiary Innove Communications have opened up their corporate office in Subic Bay Freeport Zone as they begin to offer their latest communication technologies and services to consumers and enterprises. The new headquarters of Globe and Innove is located at Yese Commercial Bldg, Greenwoods Park, Central Business District, SBMA. At the inauguration of the Subic Freeport corporate headquarters last month are (from left) Innove chief executive officer Gil B. Genio, Globe SME business group head Maridol D. Ylanan and Enterprise business group head Jesus C. Romero.

HONORARY CONSULATES DONATE TO IBF

Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto G. Romulo witnesses the turnover of cash donations from the Honorary Consulates in Manila representing the Central American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua to the International Bazaar Foundation (IBF) chaired by Mme Rosie Lovely Romulo (3rd from left) on Sept. 7 at the Secretary's Office at the DFA. 'This is a momentous occasion for both the IBF and the Honorary Consulates because instead of celebrating their National Day that is traditionally held on Sept. 15, the Honorary Consulates have opted to donate to the Foundation for humanitarian reasons and to be of substantial help in the charity projects of the IBF,' Mme Romulo said. The Honorary Consulates were represented by their Honorary Consuls, namely (from left) Mr Rolando M. Zosa, Honorary Consul of Honduras; Mme Amelia R. Ablaza, Honorary Consul of Guatemala; Mr Fausto R. Preysler, Jr., Honorary Consul General of Costa Rica; Mr Francisco M. Ortigas III, Honorary Consul of El Salvador; and Mr Antonio M. Olbes, Honorary Consul General of Nicaragua.

UNILAB, PPS FORM DENGUE WORKING GROUP

Another Health Care Project of Unilab

United Laboratories Inc (Unilab), the country's leading pharmaceutical company, has partnered with the Philippine Pediatrics Society (PPS) in forming the Dengue Working Group that will formulate the guidelines on dengue hemorrhagic fever and dengue fever management for doctors. Unilab, through its Unilab Medical Education and Development (Umed) and Scientific Databank units, provided clinical studies on the epidemiology, pathogenesis, clinical presentation, management, diagnosis, and prevention and control to the PPS Dengue Working Group. Unilab's support for this initiative is consistent with its commitment to help protect public health through partnership with medical associations like PPS. Shown in photo is Dr. Jaime Santos (standing, right) of the Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC) facilitating one of the group discussions.

Filipinos not as secure as they might think, according to studies

FILIPINOS ARE SPENDING LESS AND delaying retirement in an effort to guarantee better lives for themselves and their families. A general weariness of the inadequacy of public welfare has led many Filipinos to rely on the established traditional values of industriousness and thriftiness to tide them over in their twilight years. However, despite an increasing demand for security, Filipinos are surprisingly ill-prepared for the future.

According to a recent survey by the Philippine Life Insurance Association (PLIA), almost two-thirds of all urban Filipino households are either "young nesters" or "mixed nesters," i.e. couples with children 15 years old and below or children no older than 19 years of age. This shows that a large number of Filipino households are relatively young, with dependents of school age. This places a large financial burden on parents, who are tasked to prepare not just for their retirement but also for the welfare of their children. This coincides with a recent global study on retirement trends conducted by an international financial institution showing that most Filipinos look to work beyond the usual retirement age of 60. More than a third of the Filipino respondents to the survey said that they would retire only "when they are no longer able to work." Moreover, Filipinos feel the need to push themselves to provide for their families and look to retirement only when all other income and savings options have been exhausted.

We are like most Asians, according to public research firm ACNielsen, in that we are not inclined to invest for retirement funds, mutual fund investments, or home improvements even if there's extra cash on hand. In ACNielsen's Global Consumer Confidence Survey conducted in November 2005, three out of five Filipino respondents opted to save their spare cash instead of spending it on home improvements, for example, or a vacation. Furthermore, PLIA statistics also show that only four percent of Filipinos are investing in life insurance. Peter Coyiuto, the president of the PLIA, said that although Filipino culture emphasizes the values of industriousness and thriftiness, it also tends to regard life insurance as an inferior savings instrument.

"There's a lack of understanding and knowledge on what 'savings' and 'protection' and 'investment' are among Filipinos," lamented PLIA president Peter Coyiuto. He pointed out, for example, that an OFW would readily invest in an FX taxi and consider it a kind of 'savings;' because he believes it's going to earn income. Likewise, the OFW would get an educational plan for his child and call it an 'investment.' However, Coyiuto explained that neither option guarantees real peso returns: the taxi will immediately begin to depreciate in value and an accident would render it useless; an educational plan might send a child to school, but the child would still have to finish more than a decade of studies before beginning to earn income.

"Culturally, our landscape and environment is the same day in and day out except for the occasional typhoon or earthquake. The land is bountiful and we don't need to plan for winter. I think this kind of environment is what shaped our vision of the future. We keep telling ourselves that everything is going to be all right," Coyiuto said, adding that most Filipinos shy away from life insurance because it reminds them too much of death.

Coyiuto points to life insurance as a viable and stable means of security for Filipinos, particularly those within the "young nesters" and "mixed nesters" groups that comprise the majority of urban households. For such people, who look forward to long lives ahead of them even as they look after the future welfare of their children, life insurance is an ideal savings investment instrument that not just preserves but also enhances their potential as human beings. Life insurance gives them the chance to enjoy their lives to the fullest, safe in the knowledge that their families' futures are secured. "Life insurance liberates you from the anxiety brought on by obligations to your family, enabling you to live a fuller and better life –which, ultimately, also makes your family healthier and better equipped for the future," Coyiuto said.

San Miguel Beer fetes Efren Bata Reyes

San Miguel BEER

SAN MIGUEL CORP(SMC) HONORED Efren "Bata" Reyes Tuesday (Sept. 26) for several international billiards competitions that he won recently, casting him along a series of celebrations set this October.

Reyes, also known as "The Magician" among billiard enthusiasts, annexed two crowns in the nation-hopping San Miguel Beer Asian 9-Ball to emerge no. 1 in the tour's Order of Merit. The 52-year old "Bata" bagged the inaugural Ho Chi Minh City stop of the SMB-sponsored regional tournament and closed the tour with another win in Jakarta last Sept. 17, shortly after bagging the title of the purse-rich IPT 8-Ball championship in the U.S. He is also expected to see action in the on-going Philippine 9-Ball tour.

"San Miguel Corp (SMC) will have Efren as a special guest in the month-long San Miguel Beer Oktoberfest celebration as our tribute to the honor that he has brought to the country in winning several international competitions recently," Ramon S. Ang, SMC president and chief operating officer, said.

Efren's San Miguel Asian 9-Ball tour victories automatically gave him a berth in the 2006 World Pool Championship with a total of 120 points in the tour's Order of Merit. Three other Filipinos who finished in the tour's top 10 will likewise banner Philippines' campaign in the World Pool competition which the country hosts for the first time for players from some 40 countries this November 4-12.

The three other Filipino automatic qualifiers in the World Pool Championship are Francisco "Django" Bustamante, another billiard heavyweight, who came in second in the Order of Merit, with 90 points. Django's output tied that of compatriot Ramil Gallego who captured the Bangkok leg of the tour. Rodolfo Luat, winner of the Taiwan leg, rounds out the illustrious cast of Filipino bets girding for the World Pool Championship.

"Todo ang pasalamat namin sa suporta ng San Miguel sa bilyar. Masaya talagang sama-sama kaming Pinoy kung naglalaro abroad. Kaya halos kami-kami rin ang nagkita-kita sa bandang finals," said Reyes who won the World Pool Championship in Cardiff, Wales in England in 1999. "Iniimbita ko rin ang lahat sa San Miguel Beer Oktoberfest, hindi lang talaga sa bilyar may pa-banda; pag tugtugan at sayawan mas OK kung maraming banda," he quipped.

The month-long San Miguel Beer Oktoberfest, which is billed this year as "Walang Katulad na Sama-Sama, Walang Katulad na Kampeon, opened Friday (Sept. 29) with a grand launch at the SM Mega Mall. Featured bands in this year's celebration include Francis M, Brown Man Revival, The Dawn and River Maya. In addition to the band performances, there will beer drinking contests, dance competitions, car shows, plus fireworks and a variety of food offerings.

Other SMB Oktoberfest celebrations are scheduled at Eastwood, Libis, Quezon City on Oct. 6-7, at Bluewave, Macapagal Highway, Pasay City on Oct. 13-14; at Metro Walk, Ortigas Center, Pasig City on Oct. 20-21, and returns to SM Mega Mall on Oct. 21 for its grand closing. Similar San Miguel Beer Oktoberfest celebrations are set in selected sites and outlets across the country.

PLDT INNOLAB WELCOMES ABMOCI, OCAI

PLDT Innolab recently opened its doors to welcome the Association of Building Managers of Ortigas Center Inc (ABMOCI) and the Ortigas Center Association Inc (OCAI) to the groups' first Technology Update featuring PLDT's various products and services. The ABMOCI and OCAI are organizations working for the advancement of Ortigas Center as one of the leading business districts in the country. Among its members are Ortigas proprietors. The program proved to be well-attended and highly informative. Shown standing at the last row, from left, are ABMOCI board of directors Mar Deo Dancel and Emmanuel Munchua of Emerald Mansion; OCAI general manager Vic Buencamino and PLDT Innolab administrator Nash Sevillo. In the second row are ABMOCI directors, Ricky Zuñiga of JMT Corp Condominium; Freddie Diaz of Orient Square and Rougies Blando of OCLP; PLDT relationship manager Rex Dalisay; PLDT AVP and corporate solutions development and quality management center head Joey Limjap. And, up front: Ruby-Ruth Merez of ABMOCI and JMT Corp Condominium; Mylene Castro of OCAI; ABMOCI directors Paul Lazarte of Pacific Place Condominium and Cristy Salcedo of Parc Chateau Condominium, ABMOCI president and Pacific Center administrator Roland Salutem, PLDT corporate sales business head Ronaldo Mendoza, former ABMOCI president Gin Romero of Philippine Stock Exchange Center, and PLDT Ortigas business zone head, ABMOCI VP and OCAI director Bong Lintag.

RAP holds Midyear Demofest in Legaspi

THE READING ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILippines (RAP), a professional organization of about 3,000 reading educators, and a national affiliate of the International Reading Association, will hold its Midyear Demofest at Hotel Venezia in Legaspi City on Oct. 20 to 21. With the theme "The Art of Reading in the Disciplines", the demofest aims to increase awareness of the participants on the importance of reading as a tool in teaching the content subjects and update the reading teachers and educators on effective strategies in integrating the teaching of reading in the content areas. True to its mission of improving the reading proficiency of Filipino students through teacher-training, RAP holds a convention twice a year: a summer convention in Metro Manila and a Midyear Demofest which is held in a region that has a RAP chapter. RAP Chapter in Albay is this year's host. The demofest will emphasize that all teachers should know how to use reading strategies in teaching the content subjects like Math, Science, Makabayan and others, for learning these subjects expect the students to read. Demofest is "a festival for demonstration teachings." Experts in the field of reading education will discuss and show through plenary discussions, poster sessions and demonstration teachings, ways of integrating reading in the teaching of the different subject areas. The demofest is endorsed by the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education. DepEd Memo 320 even stipulates that travel expenses incident to the attendance in the convention shall be charged against local funds. For inquiries, please call/text Dr. Felicitas Pado at 02-9324801/ 0917-5402977 or professor Melissa Orencia at 0927-5969075.

OUTSTANDING

TOYOTA FETES OUTSTANDING TEAM MEMBERS

Toyota Motor Philippines Corp (TMP) recently honored its team members who are exemplary models in the areas of productivity, quality, safety, cost efficiency, continuous improvement as well as in the aspects of proper attitude and value for work and family. The winners of the 2006 Most Outstanding Leaders and Team Members (MOLT) Awards have shown the innate Toyota ethic for quality work and have contributed to the development of the culture of excellence at the workplace. They are (from third left): Abner Bawar, Cesar de Guzman, John Paul Macasling, Ramil Gatchalian, Arturo Sikat, Ronalyn Dugang, Danilo Cruz, and Joelan Cube. The winners were welcomed and congratulated by TMP president Hiroshi Ito (second from left), executive vice president Dr. David Go (left), TMP Labor Management Council (LMC) chair Erwin Viduya (second from right), and TMP LMC co-chair and TMP Supervisory Union president Angel Dimalanta (right).